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ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island,

FOR THE YEAR 1875.

SEMI-ANNUAL ASSEMBLY,

MAY 19th, 1875.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL ASSEMBLY of the GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND was held in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, Mass., on Wednesday, May 19th, A. D. 1875, A. O. 757.

Grand Officers Present.

Sir CHARLES A. STOTT.....R. E. Grand Commander.
Sir HENRY W. RUGG.....V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
Sir WYZEMAN MARSHALL.....E. Grand Generalissimo.
Sir JOHN DEAN.....E. Grand Captain-General.
Sir Rev. CHARLES H. TITUS, *as*.....E. Grand Prelate.
Sir NELSON W. ALDRICH.....E. Grand Senior Warden.
Sir GEORGE E. STACY.....E. Grand Junior Warden.
Sir WILLIAM PARKMAN.....E. Grand Treasurer.
Sir ALFRED F. CHAPMAN.....E. Grand Recorder.
Sir JOHN N. PIKE, *as*.....E. Grand Sword-Bearer.
Sir A. K. BRYER, *as*.....E. Grand Standard-Bearer.
Sir EDWARD L. FREEMAN..... } Grand Lecturers.
Sir E. DANA BANCROFT..... }
Sir BENJAMIN F. NOURSE, *as*.....Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Commandery was formed in due array and the Grand Asylum was opened at 10: 30 o'clock, A. M., the Sir Knights joining in the devotions, with E. Sir Charles H. Titus officiating as E. Grand Prelate.

Permanent Members, being Past Grand Officers.

E. Sir ABRAHAM A. DAME,
E. Sir WILLIAM ELLISON,
E. Sir CHARLES H. TITUS,
E. Sir WILLIAM W. BAKER,
E. Sir NICHOLAS VAN SLYCK,
E. Sir JOHN MCCLELLAN,
E. Sir HENRY CHICKERING,
E. Sir THOMAS A. DOYLE.

Members, being Past E. Commanders, not elsewhere represented.

E. Sir HENRY ENDICOTT,
E. Sir WILLIAM SAYWARD,
E. Sir JOHN W. DADMUN,
E. Sir WILLIAM F. SALMON,
E. Sir TRACY P. CHEEVER,
E. Sir CHARLES T. GAY,
E. Sir SULLIVAN C. SUMNER,
E. Sir JOHN P. LUTHER,
E. Sir S. S. BRADFORD,
E. Sir CALEB SAUNDERS,
E. Sir JOHN BURNEY,
E. Sir E. H. BRAINARD,
E. Sir S. W. RAZEE,
E. Sir JAMES C. TUCKER,
E. Sir GEORGE MOULTON,
E. Sir Z. L. BICKNELL,
E. Sir JAMES M. GREENWOOD.

Voted, That as the records had been printed and distributed, the reading thereof be dispensed with.

The R. E. Grand Commander then delivered the following

ADDRESS:

Sir Knights:

The first duty devolving upon the Council of this Grand Commandery was to attend the nineteenth triennial session of the Grand Encampment at New Orleans in December last, and I have to report that you were represented by your Grand Commander, Grand Captain-General and Past Grand Commanders ELLISON and VAN SLYCK. The V. E. Deputy Grand Commander and Grand Generalissimo were unable to attend, but were represented by Sirs ALDRICH, Senior Grand Warden, and ELLISON, Past Grand Commander. The Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island were further represented at New Orleans by Sir GEORGE S. NOYES, Grand Prelate; GEORGE E. STACY, Junior Grand Warden; A. F. CHAPMAN, Grand Re-

corder, and JOHN L. KENDALL, E. Commander, and SERANUS BOWEN, Prelate, of Bristol Commandery; WILLIAM D. POOL, E. Commander of Olivet Commandery; EDWIN WRIGHT, A. K. BRYER, JOHN H. LAKIN, A. L. RICHARDSON, Boston Commandery. These Sir Knights, while they could not represent you in Grand Encampment, were not unmindful of your interests, and to that end labored with knightly zeal.

We found the Templars of New Orleans fully awake to the importance of the task they had taken upon themselves of entertaining the members of the Grand Encampment and subordinate commanderies who were to be in New Orleans during the week. They were unwearied in their attentions to the Templars of the country, and the many pleasant acquaintances made and friendships formed will long be remembered with pleasure. Hospitality, one of the grand characteristics of our Order, was most fully exemplified by the Knights of New Orleans.

There is one thing in connection with the sessions of the Grand Encampment which I think has a tendency to disturb and in a great measure interfere with its business, and that is, the coming of so many subordinate commanderies to the place of the triennial meeting. They come solely to have a good time, and to that end the Templars where the Grand Encampment is held lay out programmes of pleasure for their entertainment, which are sure to call away members of the Grand Encampment, perhaps at just the time when they should be attending to the business of the session.

I think it was very generally conceded at New Orleans that it would be much better if the Grand Encampment could be relieved of this outside pressure, and a vote was passed restricting such parades in the future.

This session of the Grand Encampment was one of the most important ever held, particularly so far as the prosperity of Templar Masonry in New England was concerned. But the action of that body was conciliatory and generous, and we meet to-day in the full sunlight; not a cloud obscures the horizon, and the gloom which seemed to hang over us at our last annual assembly is dispelled, thanks to a large majority of our *fratres*,

who, while they wear the *white*, were willing that we should retain the *black*.

The session commenced on Tuesday, December 1st, 1874, and continued until Saturday. The question most affecting us was not reached until Friday evening, and when the final vote was taken it was surprising, after all that had been said and written upon the subject, to see the small vote against the proposition allowing commanderies wearing the so-called black uniform to continue in its use.

This vote was illustrative of that noble spirit of chivalry which animated those knights who would not see us deprived of our old and time-honored costume. It was also confirmatory of the opinion expressed by the V. E. Grand Captain-General, Sir Benjamin Dean, in his report to the Grand Encampment — "that the question of costume was one which had occupied too much attention, as it was not of vital importance to the prosperity of Templar Masonry of what we should eat, or what we should drink, or wherewithal we should be clothed."

The following is the statute as adopted by the Grand Encampment:

51.—UNIFORM.

1. The uniform of a Knight Templar is that prescribed by the Grand Encampment in 1862. No other uniform is allowed, and no other authority other than the Grand Encampment can modify or alter it.

2. *Provided*, however, that all members of commanderies which now have what is known as the "black uniform" be permitted to wear it while members of said commandery; but no other commandery, nor the members thereof, shall be authorized or permitted to wear any other than the regulation prescribed in 1862.

3. *Provided*, further, that any commandery in a State where the black uniform is worn may, by permission of its Grand Commandery, adopt and wear such black uniform.

Thus you will perceive that we have received more than we expected. All that we were striving for was to save those who had the black, but they have given us more, for under the statute passed by the Grand Encampment, any of our commanderies wearing the white can, by vote of this Grand Commandery, adopt the black. But I hope such will not be the

case, for only two have been required to adopt the United States regulation, and I presume they will not care to change. I do not look upon this simply as a *victory* of the *black* over the *white*, but rather a confirmation of the legislation of 1859, wherein those wearing the black were allowed to continue its use, and which right had not been disturbed until December, 1871; and I can but believe that this question, which has been the source of so much feeling during the past three years, is forever at rest.

Worcester County Commandery.

February 4th I visited Worcester County Commandery and found a delegation of knights from Columbian Commandery of Norwich, Conn., who had come charged with the pleasant duty of presenting to Worcester County Commandery a testimonial of their appreciation of the hospitality and courtesy extended to them while in the city of Worcester last summer. It was the photographs of the officers of Columbian Commandery, arranged in the form of a Templar cross, and was an elegant affair. It is the existence of such fraternal feeling as this that has made our Order such a pleasant one to be a member of, for wherever we are, either North, South, East or West, we are always sure of a knightly welcome from our *fratres*. Worcester County Commandery is enjoying its usual prosperity under the excellent government of Sir Knight St. John and his corps of efficient officers. The 16th of June is their fiftieth anniversary, which they intend to celebrate in some appropriate manner.

Obituary.

"Life is the vestibule of Death, and our pilgrimage on earth is but a journey to the tomb." Oh! how true is this, and how our hearts sadden as we realize that Sir George Summerfield Noyes will never again officiate at the altar of this Grand Commandery. There was something about Sir Knight Noyes that attracted those with whom he was brought in contact, and I fear no contradiction when I say that he was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him, aye, *loved* by those who knew him best.

life at his residence in Boston. I was not apprised of his death until reading an account of his funeral in the daily papers, else this Grand Commandery had been represented by its officers at the funeral. He presided over this Grand body in 1842, 1843 and 1844, having previously held the office of Deputy Grand Master, Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain-General. He was E. Commander of Boston Commandery in 1836 and 1837. He was also a member and Past Master of St. John's Lodge of Boston, and a member of St. Paul's Chapter. Having during the late war met with a severe accident which prevented him from attending our sessions, he was comparatively a stranger to us younger members; in fact, I do not recollect ever having met him, but I have heard him spoken of by the older Sir Knights with profound feelings of sympathy and respect.

Sir EBEN F. GAY, Grand Sentinel of this Grand Commandery, was called to join "the innumerable caravan" on the 6th of April, after a short illness. He was initiated in St. John's Lodge, Boston, April 15th, 1854, and became a charter member of Winslow Lewis Lodge in 1856. December 27th, 1855, he was appointed Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge, which office he held, excepting three years, till his death. He became a member of St. Andrew's Chapter, March 7th, 1855, was knighted in DeMolay Commandery, April 25th, 1855, and was appointed Grand Sentinel of this Grand Commandery, October 25th, 1861, which office he held at his death.

Well do I remember this Sir Knight when I first applied for admission to the Grand Lodge, and with what strictness he interrogated me before allowing me to pass. He has served this Grand body long and faithfully, and I would recommend that suitable notice be taken of his death, as well as of Past Grand Master Flint and Grand Prelate Noyes.

PORTRAIT OF CHARLES W. MOORE.

Grand Master Fellows, in calling the attention of the Grand Encampment to the death of Sir CHARLES WHITLOCK MOORE, speaks of him as "having been the presiding officer over the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, the

oldest body in America, if not in the world, now existing." He says, "Who of the present generation of Masons does not recall his *Trestle-Board* and remember the designs laid down therein by a master hand? Who has not read the numbers of his magazine, which, from its first number up to the time of his death, did more to maintain Freemasonry in its purity than any other Masonic publication?" During the session of the Grand Encampment a resolution was introduced requesting this Grand Commandery to furnish two thousand copies of his portrait, to be bound with the proceedings of the Grand Encampment. Feeling that you would readily comply with such a request, I accordingly directed the Grand Recorder to have them printed and sent to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment.

Diploma.

I am happy to be able to inform you that the engraving of the diploma ordered by this Grand Commandery has been accomplished, and that one thousand diplomas have been printed, so that hereafter no complaint can be made upon that score. It is to be hoped that the officers of subordinate commanderies will see that the knights created since the loss of the old diploma plate are supplied with the new diploma, as the inability to supply any for so long a time may have given rise to the feeling that they are not necessary; but who of us would part with ours? They recall associations of the past, and are oftentimes of great value as records of one's progress in Masonry.

Washington Commandery.

At the Annual Assembly of the Grand Commandery you referred the complaint of Sir David Stevens against Washington Commandery to a committee with full powers, said committee to report their conclusions to the R. E. Grand Commander. In accordance therewith I received February 20th, the following letter and report:

Providence, February 20, 1875.

R. E. Sir Charles A. Stott, Grand Commander:

Dear Sir and Sir Knight:—I transmit herewith the finding of the com-

mittee in the matter of the complaint against Washington Commandery. The full statement of the case, with all the conclusions signed by all the committee it was thought best to retain, and to report simply by the chairman the conclusions arrived at.

Yours truly and fraternally,

THOMAS A. DOYLE.

IN THE MATTER OF SIR KNIGHT DAVID STEVENS VS. WASHINGTON COMMANDERY.

The committee appointed to examine into this complaint make report, that inasmuch as none of the Sir Knights claiming to be members of the commandery have ever signed the by-laws thereof, there are at this time no legal members of Washington Commandery.

The committee recommend that the R. E. Grand Commander issue his edict commanding Washington Commandery to make a new code of by-laws, and submit the same for approval to the Grand Commandery at the semi-annual assembly in May next.

Second. That the R. E. Grand Commander appoint a special deputy to preside at the sessions of the body while engaged in adopting a code of by-laws.

Third. That the Grand Commandery shall fix a time within which all Sir Knights entitled to membership in Washington Commandery shall sign the new by-laws, and after that time has expired no Sir Knight shall be permitted to sign the by-laws unless by a vote of the commandery.

Fourth. The Grand Commandery shall fix the date for an election to be held under the new by-laws, when the officers may be elected, either for the remainder of their present Masonic year, or for a new year, as may be deemed most expedient.

Respectfully submitted by order of the committee.

THOMAS A. DOYLE,
Chairman.

PROVIDENCE, February 20, 1875.

I accordingly directed the E. Commander to call an assembly, which he did March 17th, at which time I was present and promulgated to them the decision of the committee, which at first caused some uneasiness among the Sir Knights of that old commandery, but wise counsels finally prevailed and before leaving I issued

Special Order No. 1.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,
LOWELL, Mass., March 17, 1875.

In accordance with the recommendations of the committee of the Grand Commandery, appointed to examine into and report upon the "matter of Sir Knight David Stevens *vs.* Washington Commandery," I do hereby enjoin upon the Sir Knights of Washington Commandery to prepare a new code of by-laws for their government, and submit them to me at their earliest convenience, for approval. And I do hereby appoint Sir John Eldred as my deputy, to preside over Washington Commandery until an Eminent Commander shall have been installed under the new by-laws.

CHARLES A. STOTT,
Grand Commander.

You will perceive that this order calls upon them to send by-laws to me for approval instead of to the Grand Commandery. I did this in order to expedite if possible this matter and also at the suggestion of the knights of Washington Commandery.

The disposition evinced by the knights was so loyal that any thing that I could do to promote their welfare I knew would meet your hearty approval. In accordance with Special Order No. 1 they prepared and sent to me a new code of by-laws. I immediately forwarded them to your standing committee on by-laws, who returned them to me and recommended that I approve the same, which I did, and sent them to Sir John Eldred, my special Deputy, directing him to have them neatly transcribed into a book to be kept for the express purpose of receiving the names of those who had been, or should hereafter be knighted in Washington Commandery; upon receiving information that the signatures of thirty-four knights had been obtained and that others would sign as soon as an opportunity was afforded, I issued

Special Order No 2.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,
LOWELL, Mass., May 10, 1875.

[COPY.]

The members of Washington Commandery are hereby ordered to

assemble at their asylum on Thursday, May 13th, at 8 o'clock, P. M., for the election of officers.

CHARLES A. STOTT,
Grand Commander.

Accordingly, on Thursday evening, May 13th, accompanied by the Grand Recorder, I presided over the election of officers, after which I installed them into their several stations. I was informed by good authority that there were about sixty knights residing in and about Newport, of which fifty-four had signed the new by-laws; only two had refused to sign, and they were original charter members and held to the opinion that as their names appeared in the charter they believed that their membership was as legal as the signing of any by-laws could make it. Still these knights did not attempt to exercise their rights, and therefore no question was raised.

The election was very harmonious, several of the officers receiving a unanimous vote and the others nearly so. The whole number voting for E. Commander was forty-two.

You will perceive by the foregoing that I have anticipated the report of the committee and approved their by-laws, and also held an election, but I have done it from the best of motives, to wit, the prosperity of Washington Commandery, and I ask you to approve my action.

In regard to that portion of the committee's report relating to the time that shall be allowed those entitled to membership to sign the by-laws, I would recommend that the whole matter be left entirely with Washington Commandery, as I understand that many who have received the orders in that commandery and claim it as their Templar home are now absent, and it would be difficult for us to fix a time that would suit all interested.

Commandery at Hyannis.

January 14th, 1875, I received a petition from nine Sir Knights residing in the vicinity of Hyannis that a dispensation be granted to them to open a commandery in the town of Hyannis under the name of Ivanhoe Commandery. Said petition bore the consent of Sutton Commandery of New Bedford.

My answer to the knights was that this same matter having been before the Grand Commandery and reported upon on two different occasions, and each time adversely to the prayer of the petitioners, that I did not feel like granting their request upon my own responsibility, but would bring it before the Grand Commandery, and in fact on the 10th of the present month I received a letter from one of the petitioners requesting me to do so.

Exemplification of Work.

The custom has prevailed to some extent in the past, of inviting the youngest commandery to exemplify the work, but I thought upon this occasion that it would be pleasant to have one of the oldest perform that duty, and therefore I invited Boston Commandery to exemplify the three orders. The order of the Red Cross will be exemplified this afternoon, and the Temple and Malta this evening within the asylum of Boston Commandery.

Digest.

The Grand Encampment passed a code of Statutes and Digest of Templar law at its last assembly (a copy of which I have received), which I would recommend be referred to a committee with authority to report thereon in October next.

On motion of E. Sir T. A. Doyle, the address was divided and referred to committees as follows:

So much as refers to the death of Past Grand Master Flint to E. Sirs Daniel Harwood, A. A. Dame and William Sayward.

So much as refers to the death of E. Grand Prelate, Sir George S. Noyes, to E. Sirs Alfred F. Chapman, William D. Pool and John L. Kendall.

So much as refers to the death of Sir Eben F. Gay, to E. Sirs Winslow Lewis, William Ellison and John M. Clark.

So much as refers to the petition for a commandery at Hyannis, to E. Sirs Henry Chickering, S. C. Lawrence, Gardner T. Sandford, Benjamin Pope and E. L. Freeman.

So much as refers to the "Digest of Templar law," to E. Sirs William S. Gardner, N. Van Slyck and Thomas A. Doyle.

And the remainder of the address to E. Sirs N. Van Slyck, Thomas A. Doyle and John Dean.

The Committee on Diplomas submitted the following report, which was accepted:

IN GRAND COMMANDERY,
BOSTON, May 19th, 1875.

The committee to whom was referred the matter of procuring a new diploma for the use of the subordinates of this Grand Commandery have attended to that duty and beg leave to report,

That they have completed their labors, and the diploma, which has met the approbation of the Grand Officers of this body, may be seen at the desk of the Grand Recorder; they have also had the diploma entered in the office of the Librarian of Congress, and secured a copyright of the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM W. BAKER,
WINSLOW LEWIS, } *Committee.*

The following votes were passed and ordered to be issued for instruction:

Voted, That the Grand Recorder be and is hereby instructed, not to affix the seal of this Grand Commandery to any diploma, nor to sign any diploma, issued by any person or authority outside of this jurisdiction.

Voted, That all subordinate commanderies within this jurisdiction are hereby forbidden to issue any diploma, except that authorized by this Grand Commandery.

The committee on re-printing reported progress, and stated that the work would probably be ready for delivery in three months.

The committee having in charge the matter relating to Washington Commandery read in detail the reasons for their conclusions thereon as reported to the R. E. Grand Commandery (see Address, Washington Commandery), which, together with the papers incidental thereto, were placed on file.

E. Sir N. Van Slyck, for the Committee on Representatives, reported the following recommendation:

To amend the original vote as reported on page 125, printed proceedings, 1872, by striking out the words "during his term of office," and inserting the words "for the term of three years."

On motion the report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REMAINDER OF ADDRESS.

To the R. E. Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

The committee to whom was referred a portion of the address of the R. E. Grand Commander, delivered this day, having considered the same, recommend the passage of the accompanying resolutions.

N. VAN SLYCK,
THOMAS A. DOYLE, } *Committee.*
JOHN DEAN,

Boston, May 19th, 1875.

Resolved, That the matter of fixing the date of signing the by-laws of Washington Commandery be left to said commandery.

Resolved, That the action of the R. E. Grand Commander in reference to Washington Commandery be and the same is hereby approved.

Resolved, That the course of the R. E. Grand Commander in forwarding to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States portraits of M. E. Past Grand Master Charles W. Moore, is hereby commended and his action therein approved.

Resolved, That so much of address as refers to the meeting of the Grand Encampment of the United States and its action in reference to costume be referred to Committee on "Digest of Templar Law."

Resolved, That the R. E. Grand Commander be and is hereby authorized to contribute from the funds of this Grand Commandery toward the fund being raised for the benefit of the widow and children of our late E. Sir George S. Noyes, a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars.

The report was accepted and the resolutions adopted.

REPORT ON BY-LAWS.

In Grand Commandery,
Boston, May 19th, 1875.

To the R. E. Grand Commander and Sir Knights:

The Committee on By-Laws have examined the full code submitted by Palestine Commandery and find them in accord with the Grand Constitution and Masonic Templar usage. We have made one or two slight amendments after consultation with the Eminent Commander. As amended we recommend their approval.

Fraternally submitted.

W. F. SALMON, } *Committee on*
CALEB SAUNDERS, } *By-Laws.*

The report was accepted.

Voted. That the by-laws, as reported by the committee, be approved.

Adjourned at 12:30 o'clock, P. M., for refreshment.

At 2 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Commandery was again called to order for the dispatch of business.

The Committee on Commandery at Hyannis were granted further time.

Boston Commandery was then formally announced, introduced and received into the Grand Asylum; the R. E. Grand Commander at once relinquished the Grand East and the official stations to that command, who exemplified the work on the Order of the Red Cross, on a candidate regularly elected to receive the Orders of Knighthood in that body.

After conferring the order, the R. E. Grand Commander resumed the Grand East, the Grand Officers re-occupied their respective stations, and Boston Commandery retired.

There being no further business, the R. E. Grand Commander stated that Boston Commandery would exemplify the work on the Orders of the Temple and Malta before the members of the Grand Commandery, in the asylum of that body, commencing at 6:30 o'clock, P. M.

He also stated that Boston Commandery invited the members of the Grand Commandery to a collation at 4:30, P. M., and that E. Sir Samuel C. Lawrence personally invited them, as well as the members of his own command, to a banquet at the close of the assembly.

The Grand Commandery was then adjourned in accordance with the custom of Templar Masons, E. Sir Rev. Lucius R. Paige officiating as Grand Prelate.

Attest: ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,
Grand Recorder.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY,

OCTOBER 27th, 1875.

THE SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY of the GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND was held in Masons' Hall, in the city of Providence, R. I., on Wednesday, October 27th, A. D. 1875, A. O. 757.

The Grand Commandery was formed in due array, and the Grand Asylum was opened in ample form at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Sir Knights united in their devotions, E. Sir Rev. Thomas E. St. John officiating as Grand Prelate.

Grand Officers Present.

Sir CHARLES A. STOTT.....R. E. Grand Commander.
Sir HENRY W. RUGG.....V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
Sir WYZEMAN MARSHALL.....E. Grand Generalissimo.
Sir JOHN DEAN.....E. Grand Captain-General.
Sir Rev. T. E. ST. JOHN, *acting*.....E. Grand Prelate.
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Sir WILLIAM PARKMAN.....E. Grand Treasurer.
Sir ALFRED F. CHAPMAN.....E. Grand Recorder.
Sir JAMES C. TUCKER, *acting*.....E. Grand Sword-Bearer.
Sir E. DANA BANCROFT, *acting*.....E. Grand Standard-Bearer.
Sir WILLIAM H. KENT.....E. Grand Warder.
Sir GEORGE H. BURNHAM.....E. Grand Captain of Guards.
Sir EDWARD L. FREEMAN, Sir E. DANA BANCROFT .....Grand Lecturers.
Sir RICHARD CHADWICK, *acting*.....Grand Sentinel.

Permanent Members, being Past Grand Officers.

E. Sir WILLIAM ELLISON,
E. Sir BENJAMIN DEAN,
E. Sir N. VAN SLYCK,
E. Sir THOMAS A. DOYLE,
E. Sir WILLIAM B. BLANDING,
E. Sir HENRY CHICKERING.

Members, being Past E. Commanders, not elsewhere represented.

E. Sir OLIVER JOHNSON,
E. Sir WILLIAM WHITE,
E. Sir SPENCER P. READ,
E. Sir ALBERT H. CUSHMAN,
E. Sir ROBERT E. DWELLY,
E. Sir WILLIAM SAYWARD,
E. Sir HENRY ENDICOTT,
E. Sir J. SEWELL READ,
E. Sir TRACY P. CHEEVER,
E. Sir SULLIVAN C. SUMNER,
E. Sir LEVI L. WEBSTER,
E. Sir EDWIN J. NIGHTINGALE,
E. Sir CHARLES R. DENNIS,
E. Sir THOMAS PHILLIPS,
E. Sir JOHN P. LUTHER,
E. Sir ISAAC H. SAUNDERS,
E. Sir CALEB SAUNDERS,
E. Sir FRANCELLO G. JILLSON,
E. Sir JAMES M. PENDLETON,
E. Sir JAMES C. TUCKER,
E. Sir JAMES M. GREENWOOD.

The records of the Semi-Annual Assembly having been printed and distributed, the reading was dispensed with.

ON PAST GRAND MASTER E. SIR JOHN FLINT.

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

The committee appointed to prepare and submit resolutions on the decease of Eminent Past Grand Commander Sir John Flint, make the following report:

Eminent Sir Knight Flint was born in Petersham, in the county of Worcester, in this Commonwealth, in the month of October, 1803, and received an academical education at Leicester Academy, in said county of Worcester.

He studied and qualified himself for the practice of the profession of medicine, with a near relation, an eminent and skillful practitioner located in said Leicester, at the same time attending the medical lectures of Harvard University, where he received a medical degree in 1826, and soon afterwards commenced the practice of his profession in Boston, where until his death he devoted himself with great industry, fidelity, intelligence and skill to its practice. His patients became strongly attached to him, giving him their entire confidence, so that few members of the profession in Boston have acquired a more generous support and substantial success in the practice of their profession. He was also a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society, and was highly esteemed by

his associates in that institution. He was likewise a valuable and useful member of the School Committee in Boston for several years, as also a director in the public charitable institutions.

He was raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason in a Lodge located in said Leicester, before he came to reside in Boston. He was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason, in St. Paul's R. A. Chapter in Boston, and became a member thereof in 1831, and was Most Excellent High Priest of said Chapter in 1840 and 1841. He took membership in St. John's Lodge in 1834, and was its Master in 1839 and 1840, and became an Honorary member in 1860. He was Knighted in Boston Encampment in 1832, and was its Eminent Commander in 1836 and 1837. He was also M. E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island in 1842 and 1843.

He received the degrees in Boston Council of Royal and Select Masters in 1833, and was elected an Honorary member in 1855.

He was Junior Grand Warden of the Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in 1852, and Excellent King of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Massachusetts the same year.

As a Mason he ever discharged the duties devolving upon him in his official relations to the approval and entire satisfaction of his associates, and was always ready and willing to contribute, by his advice, services and otherwise, to the promotion of the best interests of the Masonic institution in all its branches and grades. Therefore,

Resolved, That in the decease of Eminent Sir Knight John Flint, the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island mourns the loss of one who at all times and under all circumstances manifested his desire to promote the highest interests of not only Templar Masonry, but of Masonry in all its branches.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with his children in this time of their heavy sorrow.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) ABRAHAM A. DAME,
For the Committee.

Adopted.

MEMORIAL

ON REV. GEORGE SUMMERFIELD NOYES, LATE E. GRAND PRELATE.

"He gave his honors to the world again,
His blessed part to heaven, and slept in peace."

"And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book; for the time is at hand."

"And behold I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be."

Inasmuch as the work of our late Eminent Grand Prelate is done, and we who live after him would show our hearts in our speech, and declare ourselves upon his labors and his worth; we speak what we feel, and say that, judge him by whatever standard we will, whether by the character of a man, the principles of a Mason, the courage and constancy of a Knight Templar, or the fidelity of a Christian disciple of the Cross, he was always and in all things true to the character he represented.

His Masonic history is sufficiently shown by the record in the R. E. Grand Commander's address in May last; but the richness of his life, as a Mason and as a friend, is superior to the praise of any tongue or pen.

That he had strong attachments, was pronounced in his opinions, and adhered beyond doubt or change to what he deemed principle, is well known by all who ever sat an hour beside him. That he was charitable, humane and just, the sick and the sinful, the widow and the orphan, the destitute and the distressed, have had abundant reason to remember, and their grateful remembrance of him, which also endears him to us, was plaintively expressed by an aged widow and pensioner of his church, who, when speaking for herself and others of her class, declared that she knew not what they would do now, "she could only wish that they were all in heaven with Brother Noyes."

And thus it was and with like general regard, that George Summerfield Noyes, still young in years and of vigorous health, did by reason of overwork and care of a laborious pastoral charge, as he himself declared, give up the labors of this life for the glories of that which is to come; leaving the virtues of his life, in all matters of doubt and in all matters of duty, for an example; and for our sure guide his favorite motto—"*Magna est veritas, et prevalebit.*"

This we do in our Grand Asylum, in token of our sincerity and in memory of our late beloved Brother and Sir Knight; remembering also his widow and children, we recommend them to the favor and protection of all true and courteous Sir Knights, and invoke in their behalf the abundant grace and blessing of Deity.

IN GRAND COMMANDERY,
October 27th, 1875.

ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,
WILLIAM D. POOL,
JOHN L. KENDALL,
} *Committee.*

Report adopted.

ON LATE GRAND SENTINEL, SIR EBEN FLAGG GAY.

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

The death of Past G. C. Sir Winslow Lewis, has devolved upon the undersigned the painful duty of presenting for the acceptance of this Grand Commandery a brief memorial of, and departure from life of one who has participated in the labors of this institution, and who was especially noted for his unassuming manners, his kindness of heart, and fidelity to all the duties of a man and a Mason.

On the sixth day of April last, Sir Eben F. Gay, after a short illness, passed away to his final rest. His Masonic career, although not brilliant in official positions, was of that faithful kind which exemplified its ever living principles in the duties of every day life.

Brother Gay was raised to the degree of a Master Mason in St. John's Lodge in 1854, and in 1856 became a charter member of Winslow Lewis Lodge. He received the Chapter degrees, and became a member of St. Andrew's R. A. Chapter in 1855, and was Knighted in DeMolay Commandery during the same year.

He received the appointment of Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in December, 1855, and continued to hold the office for a succession of years with great acceptance. In October, 1861, he was appointed Grand Sentinel of this Grand Commandery, and only relinquished his official position at the summons of the Grand Commander of the Universe.

No multiplication of words can add to the merits of a character so universally esteemed.

He was a friend and brother whose memory will ever dwell among our pleasant recollections.

His earthly troubles are passed, and having a faith, as we believe he had, in the universal goodness and love of our common father, let us hope that his future will be more happy than his past.

It is not the duty of your committee to analyze character, but we may add that the characteristic traits by which Brother Gay was mostly distinguished were those of the self-made men of our day, adding thereto the attributes of a knightly manhood. Kind and affectionate in his disposition, faithful in his friendships, firm in his attachments, unsullied in his integrity, always acting under the stern sense of duty, he walked the earth clad in the garb of a true Knight and Mason, and departed hence, revered by his brethren and mourned by those who best knew him.

In the noble edifice of character, whatever presents itself as a model, let us reverence, admire and imitate.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM ELLISON, *Committee.*

Report adopted.

ON COMMANDERY AT HYANNIS.

IN GRAND COMMANDERY,
PROVIDENCE, R. I., Oct. 27, 1875.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery:

Your committee to whom was referred the petition of certain Sir Knights for a Dispensation for a Commandery at Hyannis, Mass., have carefully considered the subject, heard such of the petitioners as desired to be heard, and during the interval since the last meeting of the Grand Commandery have taken much pains to confer personally and by letter with Sir Knights and Companions in that section of the State.

The result of our investigation compels us to report, that from all the information we can obtain, the time has not yet come when the interests of the institution would be promoted by granting the prayer of petition.

We therefore recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY CHICKERING,
BENJAMIN POPE,
GARDNER T. SANFORD, } *Committee.*

Report adopted.

The Grand Commander appointed Sir Gamaliel Hodges to fill a vacancy on the Committee on Credentials, and that committee subsequently reported as follows:

IN GRAND COMMANDERY,
PROVIDENCE, R. I., Oct. 27, 1875.

The Committee on Credentials have attended to the duty assigned them, and report the number of members, representatives and proxies present as follows:

Grand Officers	12
Past Grand Officers	6
Past Eminent Commanders	21
Eminent Commanders	22

Generalissimos	11
Captains Generals	11
Proxies	23
Total	106

Fraternally submitted.

J. M. GREENWOOD,
ALBERT H. CUSHMAN,
GAMALIEL HODGES,
Committee on Credentials.

Voted, That the report be accepted.

The following Commanderies were also reported as represented:

St. John's,	Bethany,
Boston,	Jerusalem,
Newburyport,	Saint Omer,
Washington,	Joseph Warren,
Worcester County,	Narragansett,
Springfield,	William Parkman,
Holy Sepulchre,	South Shore,
Pilgrim,	Bristol,
Palestine,	Trinity,
Milford,	Natick,
Saint Bernard,	Cœur de Lion,
Calvary,	Gethsemane,
Haverhill,	Olivet,
Sutton,	Cyprus.—28.

The following Commanderies were represented but not reported in May last:

St. John's,	Jerusalem,
Boston,	Saint Omer,
Newburyport,	Connecticut Valley,
Washington,	Godfrey de Bouillon,
Worcester County,	Joseph Warren,
Springfield,	Narragansett,
DeMolay,	William Parkman,
Holy Sepulchre,	Northampton,
Pilgrim,	South Shore,

PALESTINE,	TRINITY,
MILFORD,	NATICK,
HAVERHILL,	OLIVET,
OLD COLONY,	ATHOL,
SUTTON,	BAY STATE,
BETHANY,	CYPRUS.—31.
WINSLOW LEWIS,	

The Committee on "Digest of Templar Law," not being ready to report, it was, on motion,

Voted, That the committee be discharged, and a new committee appointed.

COMMITTEE ON DIGEST OF TEMPLAR LAW.

E. Sirs N. Van Slyck, Thomas A. Doyle, Tracy P. Cheever.

FINANCE REPORT.

IN GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND,
PROVIDENCE, R. I., October 27th, 1875.

The committee appointed to examine the books and accounts of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, for the current year, have attended to that duty and respectfully report,

That a thorough inspection of the books of each of the Grand Officers demonstrates the accuracy and fidelity necessary to the efficient discharge of the duties of these important stations, and vindicates the wisdom of the Grand Commandery in the choice of these officials.

The Grand Recorder has received during the year, the sums following, viz:

From returns of Subordinate Commanderies.....	$1,457 25
" " " "	383 60
" " " "	29 10
" St. John's Commandery, due on per capita tax of 1871.....	16 00
" cash for Diplomas.....	722 00

All of which he has paid over to the Grand Treasurer, as appears by the receipts of that officer.

It is the requirement of the Grand Constitution that the annual returns of Subordinate Commanderies be made on or before the tenth day of October, for obvious reasons bearing upon the accounts of the Grand

Treasurer and Recorder. From some causes not known to those officers, and which your committee have also failed to discover, this Constitutional requirement was not observed by Northampton, St. Omer, Holy Sepulchre, Washington, Newburyport, Bristol, Connecticut Valley, Natick and Narragansett Commanderies, who, at various times *after* October 10th, 1874, and in one instance as late as February, 1875, presented to the Grand Recorder the returns of 1874, which necessarily he, as well as the Grand Treasurer, was obliged to carry forward to the accounts of 1875.

The following Commanderies have thus far neglected to make their returns for the present year, viz: Springfield, DeMolay, St. Bernard, Bethany, Hugh De Payens, Godfrey De Bouillon, Narragansett, Bristol and Olivet, and as a consequence the amounts receivable from those Commanderies must be carried forward to the accounts of 1876.

Your committee have also examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer and find the same correct, and all expenditures to be duly vouched. We respectfully offer the annexed detailed report of receipts and expenditures.

RECEIPTS.

To cash on hand from last year	$934 75
Returns for years 1874 and 1875	1,984 30
Received for sales Diplomas	722 00
" interest and dividends	290 55
" for Treasurer's note for a loan due October	1,500 00
	$5,431 60

From the expenditures of the past year, which are unusually large, there should be deducted the following items, which are all extraordinary expenses, and the net figures of this statement is the statement of ordinary expenses.

For printing Diplomas	$331 50
" old dues Grand Encampment	204 35
" expenses of Officers at the session of Grand Encampment at New Orleans	605 90
	$1,141 75

Whole expenditures	$4,493 77
Deduct extra outlay	1,141 75
Actual regular expense	$3,352 02

EXPENDITURES.

Cash paid for Rent and Taxes	$26 44
" " Salaries of Recorder, $300, and Treasurer, $100,	400 00
" " Printing and Stationery	869 98
" " Traveling expenses of Grand Officers	447 53
" " Banquets, two sessions	474 50
" " Dues to Grand Encampment, and the expenses of officers thereto, at the session at New Orleans	968 15
" " Diploma Plate	800 00
" " Interest on loan due October	82 50
" " Charity	125 00
One-tenth dues paid to Grand Fund	299 67
Balance of cash on hand	937 83
	$5,431 60

PROPERTY CONSISTS OF

4 shares Boylston Bank	$494 50
2 " Atlantic "	198 00
14 " Ogdensburg Road	1,218 25
8 " Michigan "	896 00
10 " Naumkeag Mills	1,366 25
	$4,173 00
Cash on hand	$937 83
	$5,110 83
From which deduct note due for loan	$1,500 00
	$3,610 83
Grand Fund is	$13,778 25
Total Property	$17,389 08

There have been some extraordinary expenses during the present year, such as those incurred by our delegates at the Triennial Session of the Grand Encampment of the United States, at New Orleans, in December last, and the purchase of a new Diploma plate. To properly meet these expenses, our zealous and devoted Treasurer, in the absence of funds in the Treasury, was obliged to borrow of himself $1,500, until such time as the active cash resources of the Grand Commandery should be sufficient to repay him.

The services of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder can ouly be partially paid by the small sums heretofore annually voted to them as a salary, and which we recommend should be continued for the present year. It would seem wise that the Grand Treasury should be further reinforced by a return to the old provision of the Constitution under which the sum of five dollars was paid to the Grand Commandery for each Knight created. Some years since this sum was reduced to three dollars. Two years ago that figure was changed to *four*, the amendment yielding annually an additional revenue of between four and five hundred dollars, and your committee are fully persuaded that a return to the original sum of *five* dollars, will be a financial benefit not only to the Grand Commandery, but ultimately to each of its subordinates.

TRACY P. CHEEVER,
Z. H. THOMAS, JR., } *Committee.*

Voted, That the report be accepted.

Voted, That so much as refers to salaries of Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder be adopted.

So much as refers to increase of dues on Candidates be referred to a special committee.

Voted, That said special committee be instructed to consider and report a penalty to be imposed upon such Commandery or Commanderies as neglect to make the Annual Returns, as provided in the Grand Constitution.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON INCREASE OF DUES AND PENALTY.

Sirs Benjamin Dean, Nelson W. Aldrich, Peter S. Bailey.

Voted, That the sum of one hundred dollars be donated to the family of Past Grand Master Robert Lash.

The committee on the Grand Fund made the following report, which was accepted:

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF GRAND FUND.

The undersigned, a committee in comformity with the provision of Section 11 of Article 1, of Constitution of the Grand Commandery of

Massachusetts and Rhode Island, respectfully submit herewith the annual statement of said Fund.

CHAS. A. STOTT, Grand Commander.
WILLIAM PARKMAN, Grand Treasurer.
ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, Grand Recorder.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., October 27, 1875.

RECEIPTS.

For interest on 49 shares Bank stock	$392 00
One-tenth of all income for 1874–1875	299 67
	$691 67
And accumulated interest on Bank Books, $439 48, making gain	$1,131 15

INVESTMENTS.

A Deposit Book of Provident Institution for Savings, with interest to July 1, 1875	$1,093 98
A Deposit Book of Five Cents Savings Bank, with interest to October 1, 1875	6,286 44
A Deposit Book of North End Savings Bank, with interest to July 1, 1875	1,388 33
Fifteen shares Mt. Vernon Bank, cost	1,579 00
Thirty-four shares Market Bank, cost	3,430 50
	$13,778 25

Whole Fund, October, 1874	$12,647 10	
" " 1875	13,778 25	
Net gain	$1,131 15	
Receipts—Interest on Stocks	$392 00	
Interest on Bank Books	439 48	
	$831 48	
One-tenth Receipts	299 67	
		$1,131 15

Grand Recorder's Report.

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

What I have said in previous reports in regard to the printed proceedings of this and other Grand Bodies, of their value, usefulness in exchange, and general interest to all Masons, still applies with added force, because of the constantly increasing desire to possess them—and our thanks are again due to the Sir Knights and Recorders, who seem to emulate each other in assisting to increase and preserve the store of Masonic literature.

The Archives of this Body are carefully preserved, and its collection of printed proceedings is now creditable and valuable.

The doings of the several Grand Commanderies, as discussed by Committees on Foreign Correspondence, does not come within the scope of this report. We are called singular in this respect, but we certainly have the merit of not furnishing a medium for individual unkindly criticism of our neighbors.

Harmony, however, seems to prevail, and as great prosperity as is consistent with the times; indeed the general stagnation in business has caused a less falling off in the number of Knights created than might have been expected.

The following table will show when each Grand Commandery was organized, the date of its last Annual Conclave, the number created during the year, the number of its members, and the work of the Grand Encampment for the three years ending in 1874:

TABULAR STATEMENT.

Grand Commandery of	When Organized.	Date of last Annual Conclave.	No. Subordinates.	No. Created.	No. of Members.
Alabama	Nov. 29, 1860	May 12, 1875	11	23	234
Arkansas	March 25, 1872	Dec.	4		212
Canada	October 9, 1855	October 15, 1874	19		
*England & Wales	Seven bodies existed as early as 1796.	May 14, 1875	116		
California	August 10, 1858	April 17, 1874	10	67	592
Connecticut	Sept. 13, 1827	March 16, 1875	10	55	1,358
Georgia	April 25, 1860	May 26, 1875	8	21	387
Illinois	October 27, 1857	October 27, 1874	45	320	3,107
Indiana	May 16, 1854	April 27, 1875	25	258	1,734
Iowa	June 6, 1864	October 22, 1874	24	129	1,168
Kansas	Dec. 29, 1868	May 5, 1875	8	49	308
Kentucky	October 5, 1847	July 9, 1874	15	106	898
Louisiana	February 12, 1864	February 12, 1875	4	121	404
Maine	May 5, 1852	May 5, 1875	12	115	1,481
Mass. and R. I.	May 6, 1805	October 27, 1875	39	382	5,600
Maryland	January 23, 1871	May 10, 1875	6	33	718
Michigan	January 15, 1857	June 1, 1875	30	134	2,171
Minnesota	October 25, 1865	June 24, 1874	10	110	534
Mississippi	January 21, 1857	April 20, 1875	14	65	462
Missouri	May 22, 1860	October 5, 1875	29	177	1,276
New Hampshire	June 12, 1860	Sept. 29, 1874	9	60	977
New Jersey	February 14, 1860	Sept. 8, 1874	12	102	1,005
New York	June 18, 1814	October 13, 1874	52	636	7,262
Nebraska	Dec. 28, 1871	January 6, 1875	7	39	261
Ohio	October 24, 1843	Sept. 9, 10, 1874	27	227	2,172
Pennsylvania	April 14, 1854	May 25, 1875	53	684	5,467
Tennessee	October 12, 1859	May 6, 7, 1875	15	66	858
Texas	January 19, 1855	January 27, 1875	9	17	386
Vermont	June 17, 1824	June 9, 1874	9	64	556
Virginia	Nov. 27, 1822	Dec. 17, 1874	12	79	685
West Virginia	February 25, 1874	.....	5	....	103
Wisconsin	October 29, 1859	October 5, 1875	12	73	856
†Grand Encamp't.	June 22, 1816	Dec. 1, 1874	20	540	1,404
Total number commanderies in U. S., England and dependencies			681		
Total number created in United States only			....	4752	
Total number of members in United States only			....	....	44,636

* Neither England and Wales, nor Canada gives an enumeration.

† Includes work of 1871–1874.

It would be of interest to know how many British Templars are borne upon the roll; and also, how many there are in those Grand Commanderies in the United States who neglect to give an enumeration.

If the Grand Recorders will accept our hint, supply the in-

formation in future, and accept our thanks for their past courtesies and attention, we shall be under renewed obligations.

The work of the several Commanderies in this jurisdiction is shown by the following

TABULAR STATEMENT.

	Names of Commanderies.	Members.	Created.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Discharged.	Expelled.	Died.
1	St. John's	351	8	2				6
2	Boston	548	17	4		11		10
3	Newburyport	65	4	2		2		
4	Washington	58						1
5	Worcester County	205	15	3	11			4
6	Springfield	297	27	3				5
7	De Molay	313	7	4	1	1		9
8	Holy Sepulchre	208	8	2				3
9	Pilgrim	186	13	1				3
10	Palestine	210	20	2				2
11	Milford	148	7	1	11			5
12	Saint Bernard	88	1	10				
13	Calvary	218	13					2
14	Haverhill	164	9	1				1
15	Old Colony	120	1	5		1		4
16	Sutton	198	21	4				1
17	Bethany	158	11	1				3
18	Winslow Lewis	129	18	1				1
19	Jerusalem	132	3	5				3
20	Hugh de Payens	199	4	10	12			4
21	Saint Omer	122	29		2			3
22	Berkshire	86	10	1				
23	Woonsocket	116	15		4			3
24	Connecticut Valley	83	5	1				2
25	Godfrey de Bouillon	108	8					1
26	Joseph Warren	136	14					1
27	Narragansett	38	2					
28	William Parkman	101	6					2
29	Bristol	112	8					
30	Northampton	59	2					
31	South Shore	101	9			2		1
32	Trinity	70	5	1				
33	Natick	43						
34	Cœur de Lion	135	17	1				1
35	Gethsamane	67	10	1				1
36	Olivet	70	5					
37	Athol	50	16					
38	Bay State	77	8					
39	Cyprus	31	5			1		1
	Totals	5,600	382	66	41	18		83

I have received since the last Annual Assembly—

For amount due and unpaid on Returns of 1874.....	$383 60
" Diplomas to date.....	722 00
" Returns of 1875.....	1,547 25
Amount Total.....	$2,652 85

All of which I have paid to the Grand Treasurer, and hold his receipts therefor.

I have on hand, to the credit of the Grand Commandery, 278 Diplomas, at $1.00, $278 00.

Nine Commanderies have failed to make returns to date. The Constitution, Article II., Section 6, orders that returns shall be made and paid on or before October 10th of each year. This notice is printed on the bottom of page 1, of blank returns; hence, none can plead ignorance in thus violating the constitution.

The correspondence of this office has been frequently inconvenienced by the irregular, if not inefficient, mail service, chiefly at the Boston Post Office, and any suspicion of neglect on the part of the Grand Recorder, in consequence thereof, should be shifted to that department.

The increased rates of postage on pamphlets and circulars has doubled the expense on such mail matter; I have, therefore, employed private conveyance when possible.

It gives me pleasure to report that the friendly relations which have always prevailed between this office and those having superior authority, have lightened our labors, made our intercourse fraternal, and prompt the hope that harmony, wisdom and prosperity may continue to abide with this Grand Commandery.

Courteously submitted.

ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,
Grand Recorder.

Voted That the report of the Grand Recorder be accepted.

The R. E. Grand Commander then delivered the following

ADDRESS:

Sir Knights:

Another Annual Assembly has called us from our homes to meet around this altar of Templar Masonry, erected by the fathers, and to unite with the E. Grand Prelate in returning thanks to the Grand Master above for his watchful care over us during the past year.

But while so many of us have been spared and to-day stand "erect in all the strength and pride of manhood," others have been called to the asylum above, and have left voids in our midst which will not be readily filled, for there cannot be but *one* Charles W. Moore or *one* Winslow Lewis. Sir Knight Lewis died August 3d and was buried from St. Paul's Church, Boston, August 6th, under the direction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Boston Commandery acting as escort. It does not seem possible that he has gone, but such is the sad reality; we never shall look upon his kind and genial face again, or hear the pleasant tones of his voice in our assemblies, but with a "firm reliance upon Divine Providence," may we not hope to join with those who have gone before.

I was apprised of his death, and burial on the afternoon of the 5th, (and then only through the medium of the press,) too late to summons you to the last sad duty which it is our pleasure and privilege to pay those who have endeared themselves to us by a life long devotion to the principles which we hold so dear. When events of this character occur, (the death of a Grand Master and Grand Commander,) it would seem that the body having in charge the funeral obsequies should notify the co-ordinate order of the fact, so that they might be properly represented upon such an occasion; the failure to receive such notice, prevented this Grand Commandery from being fully represented at the funeral of our deceased *frater*.

Sir Knight Lewis was raised in Columbian Lodge, Boston, February 3d, 1831. He received the orders of knighthood in Boston Commandery and presided over that body in 1844 and 1845. He also presided over this Grand Commandery in 1858

and 1859. Sir Knight Lewis had been honored with almost every office in the gift of lodge, chapter and commandery, grand and subordinate. He took a lively interest in everything that tended to promote the growth and prosperity of our beloved institution, through all its grades.

Past Grand Masters, (Commanders) Moore, Flint and Lewis, have died during my brief term of office; thus one after another are being sundered the ties which bind the present to the past. In the sketch of the life of Sir Knight Lewis published in the proceedings for 1873, are these words so expressive alike of the man and mason:—"Truth and my feelings prompt the declaration that in masonry I have found the best friends, the best social ties and comforts, and that the whitest hours of my life (apart from my family) have been when surrounded by brothers and around that altar where heart beats responsive to heart and all 'mingle into bliss.'" I would recommend that a committee be appointed to draft suitable resolutions, and that a memorial page be set apart to his memory.

VISITATIONS.

On the 26th of December last I issued the following General Order:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF THE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,
LOWELL, MASS., December 26, 1874.

[GENERAL ORDER No. 1.]

The following is the assignment of Commanderies for visitation:

To the R. E. Grand Commander, St. John's, Washington, Worcester County, Palestine.

To the V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, Newburyport, Holy Sepulchre, Sutton, Narragansett, Gethsemane, DeMolay, Pilgrim, Godfrey de Bouillon, Cœur de Lion.

To the E. Grand Generalissimo, Springfield, Calvary, Bethany, Joseph Warren, Trinity, Saint Bernard, Haverhill, Berkshire, South Shore.

To the E. Grand Captain General, Boston, Woonsocket, Northampton, Natick, Athol, Hugh de Payens, Connecticut Valley, Bristol, Olivet.

To Sir Edward L. Freeman, Grand [illegible]
prus, St. Omer.

To Sir E. Dana Bancroft, Grand [illegible]
Bay State, William Parkman.

The Grand Officers will [illegible]
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Attest: ALFRED F. [illegible]
Grand [illegible]

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Certainly the attentions shown to Richmond Commandery while en route to and from the city of Boston, by St. John's and Calvary, as well as the united escort of Boston, Palestine, St. Omer, Joseph Warren, William Parkman and Cœur de Lion Commanderies, is the best evidence of the good fellowship and kindly feelings of all our knights towards DeMolay and their guests.

On the 24th of June I was present at the laying of the cornerstone of a new city hall in the city of Providence, by the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island; having been invited by M. W. Nicholas Van Slyck, Grand Master of Masons of Rhode Island, to "participate with him in the celebration of June 24th. Upon that occasion I was tendered, (and accepted,) an escort of mounted knights of Calvary Commandery, who by their fine appearance added much to the attractiveness of the pageant, and I am under many obligations to the Grand Master of Masons and the knights of Calvary for attention shown me upon this occasion.

I was also present by invitation of Worcester County Commandery at the semi-centennial celebration of their existence as an encampment and commandery of Knights Templars, on the evening of June 24th. This celebration should have properly taken place on the 16th of June, but on account of the Templar demonstration in Boston on that day, it was deemed best to postpone it until the 24th. It was not my privilege to be present in the early part of the day, when the knights made a pilgrimage to the town of Holden and assembled in the old hall where Worcester County Encampment was constituted fifty years before, by Sir Henry Fowle, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Portland Commandery, of Portland, Maine, were the guests of Worcester County during a portion of the day, and it was a double pleasure to meet the knights of these two commanderies and to witness the good feeling existing between them.

On the 25th I accompanied Portland Commandery to Melrose where they were the guests of Hugh de Payens. I can but feel that the coming of Templars from other jurisdictions, (and vice versa) to our own, must be productive of good results

to our institution, and to the country. Believing that the interchange of courtesies by the commanderies of our own jurisdiction would tend to strengthen the bonds of fraternal love and affection, I have freely granted dispensations for that purpose when asked.

One of the pleasantest occasions of this kind was the reception and entertainment of Calvary by Pilgrim Commandery on the 8th of October, for it afforded *me* an opportunity of entertaining the knights of both commanderies, and I am sure that Massachusetts and Rhode Island are more firmly united in the "bonds of brotherly love and affection than ever before."

By-Laws.

I have received since our semi-annual, certain amendments from Old Colony, and a new code from St. John's Commandery, which were forwarded to the chairman of Committee on By-Laws, and by him returned to me for approval, which has been done and By-Laws returned to the several bodies.

Athol Commandery.

On the 16th day of October I received the following communication from the recorder of Athol Commandery:—

Athol, Mass., October 15, 1875.

Charles A. Stott, Lowell, Mass.

Eminent Sir:—Athol Commandery had its election October 6th, electing its first eight officers by ballot according to its by-laws, but for the absence of the E. Commander, the remaining officers were not appointed. Henry M. Burleigh was re-elected E. Commander, but his supposed temporary absence has turned out to be the sad reality of a runaway to escape the vengeance of those whose confidence he had betrayed.

A special meeting is called for Wednesday evening, October 20th, to install new officers, and we want to elect another E. Commander, and fill such other vacancies as there may be at that time.

Please set us right in this matter, sending a dispensation if necessary, or if not, direct us what to do, and how to do it.

Yours in knightly esteem,

FRANK HUTCHINSON,
Recorder of Athol Commandery.

Having ascertained from good and reliable sources that Sir Knight Burleigh had committed acts, which, should he return to Athol, (which was very improbable) would entirely unfit him to act as Eminent Commander, I deemed it best to grant the following dispensation:—

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,
LOWELL, MASS., October 20th, 1875.

To the Knights of Athol Commandery:

GREETING:—A dispensation is hereby granted to Athol Commandery, to hold a special election October 20th to fill the vacancy in the office of E. Commander occasioned by the peculiar absence and probable declination of the E. Commander elect. Also to fill any other office in said commandery made vacant by reason of the election of E. Commander.

The Recorder of Athol Commandery is charged with the duty of notifying the members of said special election.

CHARLES A. STOTT,
Grand Commander.

Accordingly on the 20th I proceeded to Athol and presided at the election of E. Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General, and installed all the officers, and I trust that this young commandery is in as good a condition as could be expected after the blow they have suffered at the hands of their E. Commander.

REPRESENTATIVES.

The Grand Commandery of Wisconsin have sent me a commission as its representative near our Grand Commandery, and in return for this courtesy I have appointed R. E. P. Grand Commander Sir William H. Hiner as our Representative near the Grand Commandery of Wisconsin.

At the session of the Grand Encampment in December last the committee on the doings of Grand Officers made the following report:—

"The communication placed in the hands of your committee, as the 'report of the Grand Captain General,' we do not think is such a document as is required by Rule 3 of Section IV of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, as your committee fail to find anything in it relating to the official doings of the Grand Captain General. Your committee find this document to be a most able and eloquent argument of the Grand Captain General in relation to Order No. 3, and the general question of costume. Regarding this document merely as the individual opinion of the learned and distinguished knight, our Captain General, your committee think it would be unfair to other knights with equal rights, to allow this voluminous document to be printed at great expense, with our proceedings as an official report, inasmuch as the Grand Encampment does not print the debates which take place at our meetings.

Regarding this document as an able argument in opposition to Order No. 3 and to the white or templar costume, your committee would recommend that it be received simply as the expression of the individual opinion of the distinguished knight and that it be not printed with our proceedings."

I most heartily agree with this committee when they say that they, "find this document to be a most able and eloquent argument in relation to Order No. 3, and the general question of costume," but I *cannot* agree with them, when they "regard it as simply the individual opinion of the learned and distinguished knight," for through him the thousands of templars in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Virginia and Washington Commanderies were speaking, and the amicable solution of the uniform question I have no doubt was very materially advanced by this able report of V. E. Grand Captain General Dean. Believing that the perusal of this document would afford the knights of our own jurisdiction much pleasure, I have requested of Sir Knight Dean a copy, and would recommend that it be printed with our proceedings.

Sir Knights, by the unwritten law of this Grand Commandery, you will this day make choice of my successor, but I cannot

return to you this insignia of authority, which you invested me with two years ago, without especially thanking you for the very kind and considerate manner in which you have received all my suggestions, and the knightly and courteous treatment which has ever been extended to me by the members of this Grand Commandery. May our relations ever continue in the future as agreeable as they have been in the past, and when we shall have finished our pilgrimage here below may we each and every one receive the commendation, "well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

On motion of E. Sir John Dean, it was

Voted, That so much of the Address as refers to the death of Past Grand Master Sir Winslow Lewis, be referred to a committee of three—E. Sirs William S. Gardner, Charles H. Titus and Benjamin Dean, committee.

So much as refers to the report of V. E. Grand Captain General, in Grand Encampment of United States, to the committee on "Digest of Templar Law."

And the remainder of the Address to E. Sirs Thomas E. St. John, John F. Newton and Peter S. Bailey.

On motion of E. Sir Tracy P. Cheever, it was

Voted, That the committee on "Digest of Templar Law" be instructed to report in print, that a copy may be sent to each representative prior to the Semi-Annual Assembly in May next.

The hour having arrived for the election of officers—4.30 P. M.—the R. E. Grand Commander announced that he had ordered a collation to be prepared at the close of the election, and appointed a committee to attend to it, consisting of Sirs George H. Burnham, N. W. Aldrich and William Jackson.

E. Sirs William B. Blanding, Samuel Mason, Jr., and George W. Fay were appointed a committee to collect, count and report the number of votes cast.

Grand Officers Elected.

Sir HENRY W. RUGG, Providence, R. I.,....R. E. Grand Commander.
Sir SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE, Medford, Mass., V. E. Deputy G. Commander.
Sir JOHN DEAN, Worcester, Mass.,.....E. Grand Generalissimo.
Sir Rev. THOS. E. ST. JOHN, Worcester, Mass., E. Grand Prelate.
Sir GEORGE E. STACY, Milford, Mass.,.....E. Grand Senior Warden.
Sir PETER S. BAILEY, Springfield, Mass.,...E. Grand Junior Warden.
Sir WILLIAM PARKMAN, Boston, Mass.,....E. Grand Treasurer.
Sir ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, Boston, Mass.,...E. Grand Recorder.

Five o'clock and thirty minutes, P. M. From labor to refreshment.

Six o'clock and fifteen minutes. On duty.

An official communication was read by the R. E. Grand Commander, conveying an INVITATION to the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, to attend a re-union of Knights Templars, "In commemoration of the hundredth anniversary of American Independence, to be held in the city of Philadelphia, under the auspices of the R. E. Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, on May 30th, 31st, and June 1st, 1876."

On motion, it was

Voted, That it be referred to the newly elected Grand Council.

The committee on Amendments to the Grand Constitution were granted further time.

REPORT ON BY-LAWS.

IN GRAND COMMANDERY,
PROVIDENCE, Oct. 27, 1875.

To the R. E. Grand Commander and Sir Knights:

The committee on By-Laws have examined the full code submitted by

Haverhill Commandery, and find them in accord with the Grand Constitution and Masonic Templar usage. We therefore recommend their approval.

Fraternally submitted.

CALEB SAUNDERS,

For the Committee.

On motion, it was

Voted, To accept the report and adopt the recommendation.

The lines were then formed in due array, when R. E. Sir Charles A. Stott, assisted by E. Sir Wyzeman Marshall, as Grand Marshal, administered the official obligation, and installed V. E. Sir Henry W. Rugg into the high office of R. E. Grand Commander.

The R. E. Grand Commander then announced the following appointments:

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Sir E. DANA BANCROFT, } .....Grand Lecturers.
Sir CHARLES M. AVERY,
Sir BENJAMIN F. NOURSE.....Grand Sentinel.

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The customary official proclamation was then made by the Grand Marshal.

On motion of Sir Wyzeman Marshall, it was

Voted, That the committee on Printing be authorized to fix a price upon such of the Printed Proceedings as are in the Archives of this Grand Commandery, issued since 1864, inclusive.

The R. E. Grand Commander congratulated the Sir Knights upon the harmony which had prevailed in their deliberations during the Assembly, and wished for all a safe return to their several homes.

The Grand Commandery was then adjourned, in accordance with the custom of Knights Templars, E. Sir Rev. Thomas E. St. John officiating as Grand Prelate.

A true report of the official proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, at its Assemblies held during the year.

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Representatives of other Grand Commanderies near the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Kansas.....E. Sir BENJAMIN DEAN, Boston, Mass.
New Jersey.....E. Sir WILLIAM S. GARDNER, Newton, Mass.
Pennsylvania.....E. Sir ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, Boston, Mass.
Indiana.....E. Sir HENRY CHICKERING, Pittsfield, Mass.
California.....E. Sir CHARLES H. TITUS, Boston, Mass.
New York.....E. Sir WILLIAM S. GARDNER, Newton, Mass.
Kentucky.....E. Sir WYZEMAN MARSHALL, Boston, Mass.
Vermont .....E. Sir ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, Boston, Mass.
Iowa.....E. Sir NICHOLAS VAN SLYCK, Providence, R. I.
Nebraska.....E. Sir HENRY W. RUGG, Providence, R. I.
Maryland.....E. Sir THOMAS A. DOYLE, Providence, R. I.
Minnesota.....E. Sir CHARLES A. STOTT, Lowell, Mass.
Illinois.....E. Sir WILLIAM S. GARDNER, Newton, Mass.
Missouri.....E. Sir WILLIAM S. GARDNER, Newton, Mass.
Georgia .....E. Sir MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS, Boston, Mass.
Louisiana.....E. Sir WILLIAM W. BAKER, Boston, Mass.
Mississippi.....E. Sir N. VAN SLYCK, Providence, R. I.
Wisconsin .....E. Sir CHARLES A. STOTT, Lowell, Mass.

Representatives of this Grand Commandery near other Grand Commanderies.

Pennsylvania .....E. Sir JAMES M. PORTER, Easton.
Vermont .....E. Sir W. H. H. WHITCOMB, Burlington.
Missouri.....E. Sir GEORGE FRANK GOULEY, St. Louis.
Louisiana.....E. Sir JOSEPH P. HORNOR, New Orleans.
Kentucky .....E. Sir WILLIAM ALVA WARNER, Louisville.
Georgia .....E. Sir CHARLES R. ARMSTRONG, Macon.
Nebraska .....E. Sir EBEN K. LONG, Omaha.
Indiana.....E. Sir DAVID P. WHEDON, Fort Wayne.
Virginia.....E. Sir WILLIAM B. ISAACS, Richmond.
Illinois.....E. Sir VINCENT L. HURLBUT, Chicago.
New York.....E. Sir ROBERT H. WATERMAN, Albany.
Iowa.....E. Sir ROBERT F. BOWER, Keokuk.
Maryland.....E. Sir FRANK J. KUGLER, Baltimore.
Minnesota .....E. Sir HENRY L. CARVER, St. Paul.
New Jersey.....R. E. Sir WILLIAM H. McILHANNEY, Elizabeth.
California .....R. E. Sir CHARLES MARSH, Nevada City.
Wisconsin .....E. Sir WILLIAM H. HINER, Fond du Lac.

Sir John Flint,

PAST MOST EMINENT GRAND MASTER,

BORN OCTOBER 21ST, A. D. 1803. DIED JANUARY 8TH, A. D. 1875.

Esteemed as a man, liked as a physician, honored as a Mason.

FAREWELL PILGRIM! GOD SPEED THEE.

Rev. George Summerfield Noyes,

E. GRAND PRELATE,

BORN JUNE 18TH, A. D. 1834. DIED FEBRUARY 16TH,

A. D. 1875.

"Champion of Jesus! man of God,
Servant of Christ, well done!
Thy path of thorns hath now been trod,
Thy Red-Cross crown is won."

NECROLOGY, 1875.

In Memoriam.

St. John's Commandery.

E. Sir JOHN SHEPLEY,
Sir WILLIAM B. TOWNER,
Sir SHEPARD P. BRIGGS,
Sir LORENZO O. BARNARD,
Sir GARDNER T. SWARTS,
Sir ALBERT H. SWIFT.

Boston Commandery.

Sir DEWITT C. BRACKETT,
E. Sir JOHN FLINT,
Sir CHARLES HALL,
Sir S. WATSON DREW,
Sir WILLIAM H. HOLBROOK,
Sir EDSON E. PLIMPTON,
Sir CHARLES COPELAND,
Sir HENRY C. STRATTON,
E. Sir WINSLOW LEWIS,
Sir RICHARD M. BARKER.

Washington Commandery.

Sir BENJAMIN W. COIT.

Springfield Commandery.

Sir E. W. ABBOTT,
Sir S. E. BAILEY,
Sir W. S. BRECKENRIDGE,
Sir L. E. HOWARD,
Sir R. C. STEELE.

Worcester County Commandery.

Sir REV. OTIS CONVERSE,
Sir WILLIAM C. CAPRON,
Sir LEWIS SEBA CARPENTER,
Sir ALBERT J. BAKER.

DeMolay Commandery.

Sir MILTON ANDROS,
Sir JOSEPH P. CALROW,
Sir HENRY S. DOWNES,
Sir EBEN F. GAY,
E. Sir WINSLOW LEWIS, (Honorary.)
Sir Rev. GEORGE S. NOYES,
Sir WARREN E. RUSSELL,
Sir NATHANIEL B. SHURTLEFF,
Sir ROBERT SIMPSON.

Holy Sepulchre Commandery.

Sir DAVID G. FALES,
Sir HIRAM WILMARTH,
E. Sir NATHAN P. TOWNE.

Pilgrim Commandery.

Sir SAMUEL K. FIELDING,
Sir TAPPAN WENTWORTH,
Sir FRANK P. JACOBS.

Milford Commandery.

Sir CHARLES CLARK,

Sir George T. Daniels,
Sir Charles T. Eames,
Sir George F. Seaver,
Sir Edward Woods.

Calvary Commandery.

Sir George King,
Sir George Harris.

Haverhill Commandery.

Sir Hiram Smart.

Old Colony Commandery.

Sir William A. Hurd,
Sir Lovell Bicknell,
Sir Joseph Hutchinson,
Sir Jeremiah M. Leonard.

Sutton Commandery.

Sir Barnabas Hiller.

Bethany Commandery.

Sir John Stowe,
Sir Daniel W. Martyn,
Sir William R. Hatch.

Winslow Lewis Commandery.

E. Sir Winslow Lewis, (Honorary.)

Jerusalem Commandery.

Sir George Wheelock,
Sir E. A. Harris,
Sir C. H. B. Snow.

Hugh de Payens Commandery.

Sir O. H. Bowler,
Sir Henry A. Lyford,
Sir Charles Copeland, (Honorary).
Sir Joseph H. Waitt.

St. Omer Commandery.

Sir Earl M. Cate,
Sir Charles H. Davis,
Sir Barney Hull.

Woonsocket Commandery.

Sir John Cady,
Sir Hiram Daniels,
Sir Richard S. Sinclair.

Connecticut Valley Commandery.

Sir George S. Clark,
Sir Ithamer F. Conkey.

Godfrey de Bouillion Commandery.

Sir

Joseph Warren Commandery.

Sir Ira Allen.

William Parkman Commandery.

Sir James W. White,
Sir Charles H. Pepper.

South Shore Commandery.

Sir Lovell Bicknell, (Honorary.)

Cœur de Lion Commandery.

Sir John McMath.

Gethsemane Commandery.

Sir James E. Parker.

Cyprus Commandery.

Sir Thomas J. Timson.

"To live forever in realms of light and everlasting bliss."

COMMANDERIES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND, 1874–'75.

1. Saint John's ..... Providence, R. I.
2. Boston ..... Boston, Mass.
3. Newburyport ..... Newburyport, Mass.
4. Washington ..... Newport, R. I.
5. Worcester County ..... Worcester, Mass.
6. Springfield ..... Springfield, Mass.
7. DeMolay ..... Boston, Mass.
8. Holy Sepulchre ..... Pawtucket, R. I.
9. Pilgrim ..... Lowell, Mass.
10. Palestine ..... Chelsea, Mass.
11. Milford ..... Milford, Mass.
12. Saint Bernard ..... Boston, Mass.
13. Calvary ..... Providence, R. I.
14. Haverhill ..... Haverhill, Mass.
15. Old Colony ..... Abington, Mass.
16. Sutton ..... New Bedford, Mass.
17. Bethany ..... Lawrence, Mass.
18. Winslow Lewis ..... Salem, Mass,
19. Jerusalem ..... Fitchburg, Mass.
20. Hugh de Payens ..... Melrose, Mass.
21. Saint Omer ..... South Boston, Mass.
22. Berkshire ..... Pittsfield, Mass.
23. Woonsocket ..... Woonsocket, R. I.
24. Connecticut Valley ..... Greenfield, Mass.
25. Godfrey de Bouillon ..... Fall River, Mass.
26. Joseph Warren ..... Boston Highlands, Mass.
27. Narragansett ..... Westerly, R. I.
28. William Parkman ..... East Boston, Mass.
29. Northampton ..... Northampton, Mass.
30. South Shore ..... Weymouth, Mass.
31. Bristol ..... Mansfield, Mass.
32. Trinity ..... Hudson, Mass.
33. Natick ..... Natick, Mass.
34. Cœur de Lion ..... Boston,(Charlestown,)Mass.
35. Gethsemane ..... Newtonville, Mass.
36. Olivet ..... Lynn, Mass.
37. Athol ..... Athol, Mass.
38. Bay State ..... Brockton, Mass.
39. Cyprus ..... Hyde Park, Mass.

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OF THE

Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

OCTOBER 27, 1875.

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R. E. Grand Commander.

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V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.

SIR JOHN DEAN, WORCESTER, MASS.,

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PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	MEMBER OF WHEN IN OFFICE.	YEARS.
* Sir THOMAS SMITH WEBB,	Providence, R. I.	St. John's,	1805–17
* Sir WILLIAM WILKINSON,	Providence, R. I.	St. John's,	1818–19
* Sir HENRY FOWLE,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1820–25
* Sir JOHN CARLILE,	Providence, R. I.	St. John's,	1826–28
* Sir JOHN JAMES LORING,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1829–31
* Sir ROBERT LASH,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1832
* Sir EDWARD ASA RAYMOND,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1833–34
Sir ABRAHAM ANNIS DAME,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1835–36
* Sir JOHN HEWS,	Cambridgeport, Mass.	Boston,	1837–38
* Sir CHARLES WHITLOCK MOORE,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1839–41
* Sir JOHN FLINT, M. D.,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1842–44
* Sir JOHN BARRETT HAMMATT,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1845–46
* † Sir RUEL BAKER,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1847
* Sir JOHN RUFUS BRADFORD,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1848–50
Sir JAMES HUTCHISON,	Providence, R. I.	St. John's,	1851–53
* Sir SIMON WIGGIN ROBINSON,	Lexington, Mass.	De Molay,	1854–55
Sir DANIEL HARWOOD, M. D.,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1856–57
* Sir WINSLOW LEWIS, M. D.,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1858–59
* Sir WILLIAM FIELD,	Providence, R. I.	Holy Sepulchre,	1860–61
Sir WILLIAM ELLISON,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1862
Sir WILLIAM SEWALL GARDNER,	Newton, Mass.	Pilgrim,	1863–64
Sir Rev. CHARLES HENRY TITUS,	Boston, Mass.	St. John's,	1865–66
Sir WILLIAM WILSON BAKER,	Boston, Mass.	St. Bernard,	1867–68
Sir BENJAMIN DEAN,	Boston, Mass.	St. Omer,	1869–70
Sir NICHOLAS VAN SLYCK,	Providence, R. I.	Calvary,	1871–73
Sir CHARLES A. STOTT,	Lowell, Mass.	Pilgrim,	1874–75

Deceased, 16; living, 10.

* Deceased. † Died while in office as Grand Master.

NOTE.—Until and including 1868, the nomenclature was M. E. GRAND MASTER and GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDERS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

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* Sir HENRY FOWLE, Boston, Mass. 1818–19
* Sir JOHN CARLILE, Providence, R. I. 1820–24
* Sir PETER GRINNELL, Providence, R. I. 1825–28
* Sir JOSIAH WHITAKER, Providence, R. I 1829–30
* Sir ROBERT LASH, Boston, Mass. 1831
* Sir THOMAS POWER, Framingham, Mass. 1832
Sir ABRAHAM ANNIS DAME, Boston, Mass. 1833–34
* Sir JOHN HEWS, Cambridgeport, Mass. 1835–36
* Sir CHARLES WHITLOCK MOORE, Boston, Mass. 1837–38
* Sir JOHN FLINT, M. D., Boston, Mass. 1839–41
* Sir JOHN BARRETT HAMMATT, Boston, Mass. 1842–44
* Sir RUEL BAKER, Boston, Mass 1845–46
* JOHN RUFUS BRADFORD, Boston, Mass. 1847
Sir JAMES HUTCHISON, Providence, R. I. 1848–50
* Sir SIMON WIGGIN ROBINSON, Lexington, Mass. 1851–53
Sir DANIEL HARWOOD, M. D., Boston, Mass. 1854–55
Sir JOHN MCCLELLAN, Boston, Mass. 1856–57
* Sir WILLIAM FIELD, Providence, R. I. 1858–59
Sir WILLIAM ELLISON, Boston, Mass 1860–61
‡ Sir 1862
Sir Rev. CHARLES HENRY TITUS, Boston, Mass 1863–64
Sir WILLIAM WILSON BAKER, Boston, Mass. 1865–66
Sir BENJAMIN DEAN, Boston, Mass. 1867–68
Sir WILLIAM STEELE SHURTLEFF, Springfield, Mass. 1869–70
Sir CHARLES A. STOTT, Lowell, Mass. 1871–73
Sir HENRY W. RUGG, Providence, R. I. 1874–75

* Deceased, 14; living, 11.

‡ Expelled.

PAST GRAND GENERALISSIMOS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

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* Sir Henry Fowle, Boston, Mass. 1805–17
* Sir John Carlile, Providence, R. I. 1818–19
* Sir Peter Grinnell, Providence, R. I. 1820–24
* Sir John James Loring, Boston, Mass 1825–28
* Sir Robert Lash, Boston, Mass. 1829–30
* Sir Jacob Amee, Boston, Mass 1831
* Sir Edward Asa Raymond, Boston, Mass. 1832
* Sir John Hews, Cambridgeport, Mass. 1833–34
Sir Gilbert Nurse, Boston, Mass. 1735
* Sir Charles Whitlock Moore, Boston, Mass. 1836
* Sir John Flint, M. D., Boston, Mass. 1837–38
* Sir John Barrett Hammatt, Boston, Mass. 1839–41
* Sir Ruel Baker, Boston, Mass. 1842–44
* Sir James Salsbury, Providence, R. I. 1845
* Sir James Rufus Bradford, Boston, Mass. 1846
Sir James Hutchison, Providence, R. I. 1847
* Sir Simon Wiggin Robinson, Lexington, Mass. 1848–50
Sir Daniel Harwood, M. D., Boston, Mass. 1851–53
Sir John McClellan, Boston, Mass. 1854–55
* Sir Cyrus Fisher, Providence, R. I. 1856
* Sir Samuel Lewis, Providence, R. I. 1857
* Sir Charles Robbins, Boston, Mass. 1858–59
‡ Sir 1860–61
Sir William Sewall Gardner, Lowell, Mass. 1862
Sir William Wilson Baker, Boston, Mass 1863–64
Sir Thomas Arthur Doyle, Providence, R. I. 1865
* † Sir Henry Butler, Providence, R. I. 1866
Sir William Bullock Blanding, Providence, R. I. 1867–68
Sir Nicholas Van Slyck, Providence, R. I. 1869–70
Sir Horace Daniels, Pawtucket, R. I. 1871–73
Sir Wyzeman Marshall, Boston, Mass. 1874–75

* Deceased, 19; living, 11. † Died while in office.

‡ Expelled.

PAST GRAND CAPTAINS-GENERAL

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

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* Sir JONATHAN GAGE, Newburyport, Mass.....1805–14
* Sir JOHN CARLILE, Providence, R. I.....1815–17
* Sir PETER GRINNELL, Providence, R. I 1818–19
* Sir HENRY PURKITT, Boston, Mass.....1820–22
* Sir JOHN JAMES LORING, Boston, Mass 1823–24
* Sir JOSIAH WHITAKER, Providence, R. I 1825–28
* Sir JACOB AMEE, Boston, Mass.....1829–30
* Sir THOMAS POWER, Framingham, Mass.....1831
Sir ABRAHAM ANNIS DAME, Boston, Mass.....1832
* Sir JOSEPH YOUNG, JR., Newburyport, Mass.....1833
Sir GILBERT NURSE, Boston, Mass 1834
* Sir CHARLES WHITLOCK MOORE, Boston, Mass 1835
* Sir JOHN FLINT, M. D., Boston, Mass 1836
* Sir JOHN BARRETT HAMMATT, Boston, Mass.....1837–38
* Sir WILLIAM FIELD, Providence, R. I.....1839–41
* Sir BARNEY MERRY, Pawtucket, R. I 1842–43
* Sir JAMES SALSBURY, Providence, R. I.....1844
* Sir SAMUEL FESSENDEN, Portland, Maine.....1845
Sir JAMES HUTCHISON, Providence, R. I.....1846
* Sir SIMON WIGGIN ROBINSON, Lexington, Mass.....1847
* Sir WINSLOW LEWIS, M. D., Boston, Mass.....1848–49
* Sir MOSES RICHARDSON, Providence, R. I.....1850
* Sir ASA WOODBURY, Wilkinsonville, Mass..... 1851–53
* Sir CYRUS FISHER, Providence, R. I.....1854–55
* Sir JAMES WARHAM CROOKS, Springfield, Mass 1856
* Sir JOHN BLAKE REED, Pawtucket, R. I.....1857
Sir GEORGE FRANCIS WILSON, Providence, R. I.....1858–59
Sir WILLIAM SEWALL GARDNER, Lowell, Mass.....1860–61
Rev. Sir CHARLES HENRY TITUS, Taunton, Mass.....1862
Sir THOMAS ARTHUR DOYLE, Providence, R. I.....1863–64
Sir BENJAMIN DEAN, Boston, Mass.....1865–66
Sir WILLIAM STEELE SHURTLEFF, Springfield, Mass.....1867–68
Sir CHARLES ADAMS STOTT, Lowell, Mass.....1869–70
Sir HENRY CHICKERING, Pittsfield, Mass.....1871–73
Sir JOHN DEAN, Worcester, Mass.....1874–75

* Deceased, 23; living, 12.

RECAPITULATIONS.

The Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island is composed of

Grand Officers (Sentinel excluded)	16
Past Grand Officers (permanent members, excluding present Grand Officers)	19
Past Commanders of Subordinate Commanderies (permanent members not included in enumeration of past or present Grand Officers, or present Commanders)	138
Commanders, Generalissimos, and Captains-General of 39 Subordinate Commanderies	117
Total	290
Whole number of Knights affiliated with Subordinate Commanderies, including the above	5,600

MAINE ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, MAINE.

CHARTER, March 17, 1821.

PAST COMMANDERS.

(While under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.)

Sir Rev. SOLOMON SILAS,
Sir THOMAS S. BOWLES,
Sir JOSEPH M. GERRISH,
Sir SAMUEL FESSENDEN.

Maine Encampment ceased to be under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, October 10, 1849. In 1854, it was removed from Portland to Gardiner, where it is now located.

VILLAGE ENCAMPMENT, GREENWICH, MASS.

CHARTER, June 16, 1825.

PAST COMMANDERS.

* Sir Rev. EZIEKIEL L. BASCOMB, 1825.
Sir Rev. LUCIUS R. PAIGE, D. D., 1826.
* Sir JOHN WARNER, 1827.
* Sir Rev. JOSHUA FLAGG, 1828

The Charter of this Encampment was declared forfeited by a vote of the Grand Encampment, at a Special Assembly, held February 28, 1838.

OF SUBORDINATE

NAME OF COMMANDERY.	DATE OF CHARTER.	REGULAR ASSEMBLIES.	E. COMMANDERS.
Saint John's.....	March 7, 1805,	1st Monday each month.....	William Jackson,.....
Boston.....	March 8, 1806,	3d Wednesday each month,....	Samuel Mason, Jr.....
Newburyport.....	May 12, 1806,.	3d Thursday " "	John N. Pike,.....
Washington.....	June 7, 1814,.	3d Wednesday " "	William J. Underwood,..
Worcester County....	June 16, 1835,	1st Thursday " "	Rev. Thomas E. St. John,
Springfield.....	June 19, 1830,	1st Monday " "	Peter S. Bailey,..... ..
De Molay....	Oct. 10, 1848,.	4th Wednesday " "	John M. Clark,.....
Holy Sepulchre	Sept. 25, 1849,	Friday on or before full moon,..	J. Sewell Read,..... ...
Pilgrim	Oct. 10, 1855,.	Wednesday after full moon.....	Charles C. Hutchinson,..
Palestine.....	Oct. 28, 1859..	2d Wednesday each month, ...	William D. Seely,.....
Milford	Oct. 28, 1859,.	4th Monday " "	Silas W. Hale.....
Saint Bernard.....	Oct. 28, 1859,.	2d Wednesday " "	Otis E. Weld, ...
Calvary	May 22, 1860,.	1st Tuesday " "	Eugene D. Burt.....
Haverhill	Oct. 26, 1863,	2d Tuesday " "	Nathan S. Kimball,.....
Old Colony.....	Oct. 26, 1863,.	Monday after full moon,.....	William H. Maine,.....
Sutton.....	May 5, 1864,..	1st Thursday each month,.....	Abraham H. Howland, Jr.
Bethany.	Oct. 28, 1864,.	Last Tuesday " "	Granville M. Stoddard,...
Winslow Lewis.....	June 27, 1865,	3d Thursday " "	William Sutton,..... ....
Jerusalem.	May 6, 1865,..	3d Thursday " "	John W. Kimball.....
Hugh de Payens.....	Oct. 27, 1865,.	2d Wednesday each month,....	Smith B. Harrington,.....
Saint Omer.....	Oct. 27, 1865,.	3d Monday " " ...	Benjamin Pope,.....
Berkshire.....	Dec. 22, 1865,.	2d Monday " "	Truman E. Cole,.....
Woonsocket..... ...	May 8, 1867,..	2d Tuesday " "	Lebbeus C. Tourtellot,...
Connecticut Valley...	Oct. 10, 1867,.	1st Tuesday " "	Bowdoin S. Parker,.....
Godfrey de Bouillon,.	Oct. 30, 1868,.	3d Wednesday " "	George A. Ballard,.....
Joseph Warren..	Jan. 1, 1869,..	1st Monday " " . ..	John F. Newton,.....
Narragansett.....	June , 1869,	2d Monday " "	James M. Pendleton,. ...
William Parkman....	May 12, 1870,.	2d Thursday " "	Erastus A. Doolittle,.....
Bristol	May 26, 1870,.	Friday on or before full moon,.	Daniel H. Smith,.....
Northampton	June 2, 1870,	2d Monday each month,.	Joseph C. Williams,.....
South Shore.....	June 9, 1870,.	Monday on or before full moon,	George W. Fay,.... .....
Natick.....	April 12, 1871,	1st Monday each month,.....	William H. Wright,.....
Cœur de Lion.....	Oct. 14, 1871,.	3d Tuesday " "	William Patterson,.....
Trinity...	Nov. 7, 1871,.	Thursday on or before full moon	James L. Harriman,.. ...
Gethsemane.....	May 20, 1872,.	Monday before full moon,.....	Robert L. Davis,.....
Olivet.....	March 13, 1873	1st Wednesday each month,.. .	William D. Pool,.....
Athol.....	June 7, 1873,.	1st Wednesday " "	.....
Bay State.....	Sept. 13, 1873,	1st Monday " "	Edward Parker, Jr.... ..
Cyprus.	Oct. 31 1873,.	4th Tuesday " "	Gamaliel Hodges,..... .

COMMANDERIES.

GENERALISSIMOS.	CAPTAINS-GENERAL.	RECORDERS.	LOCATION.
Stephen C. Arnold,	Richard Chadwick,	Walter Blodget,	Providence, R. I.
Zephaniah H. Thomas, Jr.	James H. Upham,	William Ellison,	Boston, Mass.
Moses H. Fowler,	Warren Currier,	George H. Stevens,	Newburyport, Mass.
Lyman R. Blackman,	William G. Stevens,	Frank H. Wilks,	Newport, R. I.
Henry C. Wadsworth,	David F. Parker,	Daniel Seagrave,	Worcester, Mass.
Henry H. Banks,	Smith R. Phillips,	O. K. Merrill,	Springfield, Mass.
Charles B. Lancaster,	Joseph B. Mason,	George Phippen, Jr.	Boston, Mass.
Charles A. Fales,	Henry A. Pierce,	Charles R. Bucklin,	Pawtucket, R. I.
John M. Pevey,	Frederick Frye.	J. W. B. Shaw,	Lowell, Mass.
John C. Hall,	James Donaghy,	Charles S. Beatley,	Chelsea, Mass.
James M. Woods,	Thomas C. Eastman,	Lewis Fales,	Milford, Mass.
John Kent,	William W. McKim,	Richard Briggs,	Boston, Mass.
Joseph E. Spink,	Joshua M. Addeman,	H. M. Rawson,	Providence, R. I.
Dexter B. Vickery,	Frank C. Swan,	Francis J. Stevens,	Haverhill, Mass.
Josiah C. Fuller,	Frederic S. Strong,	Erastus M. Nash,	Abington, Mass.
Gardner T. Sanford,	Henry Fields, Jr.	H. W. Emerson,	New Bedford, Mass.
John F. Cogswell,	Thomas Leyland,	P. B. Robinson,	Lawrence, Mass.
Dana Z. Smith,	John B. Hill,	Henry A. Brown,	Salem, Mass.
George V. Barrett,	David A. Corey,	Charles H. Morgan,	Fitchburg, Mass.
James Swords,	George P. Cox,	P. D. Walbridge,	Melrose, Mass.
George W. Kingman,	Charles W. McLellan,	Alban S. Green,	South Boston, Mass.
George C. Dunham,	Charles E. Morey,	Theo. L. Allen,	Pittsfield, Mass.
Edwin Aldrich,	Amos Sherman,	Dwight R. Adams,	Woonsocket, R. I.
Marvin S. Fellows,	George Pierce, Jr.	Charles P. Forbes,	Greenfield, Mass.
Alfred H. Hartley,	George E. Hoar,	Thomas L. Brayton,	Fall River, Mass.
Charles Harris,	Solomon A. Bolster,	L. B. Dutton,	Boston Highl'ds, Mass.
Robert F. Latimer,	Samuel H. Cross,	George G. Stillman,	Westerly, R. I.
R. M. Ingalls,	True Scales,	Edward H. Morse,	East Boston, Mass.
William N. Hamblet,	Jacob Silloway, Jr.	George F. Seaver,	Mansfield, Mass.
Luke Lyman,	William C. Pomeroy,	Benjamin W. Peck,	Northampton, Mass.
William Humphrey,	William S. Wallace,	Charles N. Marsh,	East Weymouth, Mass.
George J. Townsend,	Samuel O. Daniels,	Claudius B. Travis,	Natick, Mass.
John B. Wilson,	Caleb Rand,	Samuel C. Chandler,	Boston, Mass.
Willard Houghton,	Julius A. Clisbee,	John F. Cotting,	Hudson, Mass.
William W. Keith,	Henry C. Hayden,	John S. Hayes,	Newtonville, Mass.
John Shaw, 2d,	Ephraim A. Ingalls,	William B. Phillips,	Lynn, Mass.
Cephas L. Sawyer,	James H. Waite,	Frank Hutchinson,	Athol, Mass.
Baalis Sanford, Jr.	H. H. Packard,	H. Herbert Howard,	Brockton, Mass.
Henry S. Bunton,	George F. Lincoln,	George H. Butler,	Hyde Park, Mass.

PAST EMINENT COMMANDERS,

DECEASED AND LIVING.

Saint John's Commandery.

DECEASED.

THOMAS SMITH WEBB,
JOHN CARLILE,
SAMUEL JACKSON,
ASA BOSWORTH,
JESSE CLARK,
JOSIAH WHITAKER,
WILLIAM C. BARKER,
MOSES RICHARDSON,
JAMES SALSBURY,
PARDON CLARKE,
BARNEY MERRY,
* WILLIAM FIELD,
CYRUS FISHER.

LIVING.

OLIVER JOHNSON,
* CHARLES H. TITUS,
DANIEL ROUNDS, Jr.,
STILLMAN WHITE,
† SAMUEL S. GINNODO,
A. CRAWFORD GREENE,
SPENCER P. READ,
JAMES H. ALLEN,
* HENRY W. RUGG,
ALBERT H. CUSHMAN,
ROBERT E. DWELLEY.

Boston Commandery.

DECEASED.

HENRY FOWLE,
ROBERT LASH,
JOHN J. LORING,
† EDWARD A. RAYMOND,
THOMAS POWER,
JOHN HEWS,
JOHN FLINT,
† CHARLES W. MOORE,
RUEL BAKER,
JOHN B. HAMMATT,
WINSLOW LEWIS,
JOHN R. BRADFORD,
SAMUEL PEARCE.

LIVING.

* ABRAHAM A. DAME,
* GILBERT NURSE,
* DANIEL HARWOOD,
* WILLIAM ELLISON,
JOHN K. HALL,
* WYZEMAN MARSHALL,
CHARLES C. DAME,
CHARLES E. POWERS,
WILLIAM SAYWARD,
HENRY ENDICOTT,
SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE.

Newburyport Commandery.

DECEASED.

NATHANIEL KNAPP,
RICHARD S. SPOFFORD.

Washington Commandery.

DECEASED.

JOHN A. SHAW,
ISAAC STALL,
H. J. HUDSON.

LIVING.

NATHAN H. GOULD,
JOHN ELDRED.

* Represented in Past or Present Grand Officers.
† Dimitted and has membership elsewhere.

Worcester County Commandery.

DECEASED.

Asa Woodbury,
Henry Earle,
Seth P. Miller.

LIVING.

Albert Case,
Levi Rawson,
George W. Bently,
Henry Goddard,
John Dean,
T. E. St. John.

Springfield Commandery.

DECEASED.

Henry Dwight,
John Newbury,
James W. Crooks,
John B. Kirkham,
Isaac D. Gibbons.

LIVING.

Ocran Dickerson,
* William S. Shurtleff,
Albert H. Kirkham,
Daniel Reynolds,
Albert H. Foth,
Samuel B. Spooner,
George W. Ray.

DeMolay Commandery.

DECEASED.

Edward A. Raymond,
Charles W. Moore,
S. J. M. Homer.

LIVING.

Thomas R. Lambert,
Clement A. Walker,
* William Parkman,
‡ Edwin C. Bailey.
William F. Davis,
John W. Dadmun,
Marlborough Williams.

Holy Sepulchre Commandery.

DECEASED.

William Field,
Alvin Jenks,
George A. French,
Nathan P. Towne.

LIVING.

* James Hutchison,
Claudius B. Farnsworth,
Sylvanus Clapp,
* Horace Daniels,
Bela P. Clapp,
* Edward L. Freeman,
J. Sewell Read.

Pilgrim Commandery.

DECEASED.

Cadwallader F. Blanchard.

LIVING.

Samuel K. Hutchinson,
* William S. Gardner,
Joseph Bedlow,
William F. Salmon,
Samuel D. Sargeant,
* Charles A. Stott,
Hocum Hosford,
Charles E. A. Bartlett.

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* Represented in Past and Present Grand Officers.

† Dimitted and has membership elsewhere.

‡ Not now a member.

Palestine Commandery.

DECEASED.

CHARLES A. DAVIS.

LIVING.

* CHARLES M. AVERY,
TRACY P. CHEEVER,
GEORGE H. MARDEN,
CHARLES F. HAYNES,
DANIEL E. CHASE,
CHARLES T. GAY,
WILLIAM D. SEELY.

Milford Commandery.

DECEASED.

J. HARDING SMITH.

LIVING.

GEORGE E. JOHNSON,
‡ ISAAC BRITTON,
EDWIN F. WHITING,
WILLIAM H. PHIPPS,
* GEORGE E. STACY,
LEONARD FAIRBANKS,
SULLIVAN C. SUMNER.

St. Bernard Commandery.

LIVING.

* WILLIAM W. BAKER,
P. ADAMS AMES,
HENRY MULLIKEN,
F. LYMAN WINSHIP,
CHARLES A. WELSH,
SAMUEL WELLS,
OTIS E. WELD.

Calvary Commandery.

DECEASED.

HENRY BUTLER.

LIVING.

† * THOMAS A. DOYLE,
LEVI L. WEBSTER,
* WILLIAM B. BLANDING.
EDWIN J. NIGHTINGALE,
CHARLES R. DENNIS,
† JAMES M. PENDLETON,
THOMAS PHILLIPS, JR.
* NELSON W. ALDRICH,
JOHN P. LUTHER,
HENRY C. FIELD,
ISAAC H. SAUNDERS,
EUGENE D. BURT.

Haverhill Commandery.

DECEASED.

GEORGE W. CHASE.

LIVING.

JAMES E. GALE,
CARLOS P. MESSER.

Old Colony Commandery.

LIVING.

WILLIAM W. WHITMARSH,
SAMUEL B. THAXTER,
ZACHARIAH L. BICKNELL,
STEPHEN S. BRADFORD,
AMOS S. STETSON.

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* Represented in Past or Present Grand Officers.

† Dimitted and has membership elsewhere.

‡ Not now a member.

Sutton Commandery.

LIVING.

JOHN B. BAYLIES,
A. H. W. CARPENTER,
JOHN A. LEE.

Bethany Commandery.

LIVING.

PARDON ARMINGTON,
WILLIAM H. JAQUITH,
D. FRANK ROBINSON,
* CALEB SAUNDERS,
JOHN HAIGH.

Winslow Lewis Commandery.

LIVING.

GEORGE E. PEIRSON.

Jerusalem Commandery.

LIVING.

* E. DANA BANCROFT,
JOHN BURNEY,
SULLIVAN W. HUNTLY,
ALBERT L. FESSENDEN.

Hugh de Payens Commandery.

LIVING.

LORING L. FULLER,
F. J. FOSS,
JOHN B. NORTON,
THOMAS WINSHIP,
J. D. PARKER.

St. Omer Commandery.

DECEASED.

DUNCAN MCBEAN THAXTER.

LIVING.

* BENJAMIN DEAN,
† N. A. APOLONIO,
CHARLES H. WHITE,
EDWARD H. BRAINARD.

Berkshire Commandery.

LIVING.

HEZEKIAH H. RUSSELL,
TRUMAN E. COLE.

Woonsocket Commandery.

LIVING.

EMERSON GODDARD,
IRA W. ARNOLD,
STAFFORD W. RAZEE,
F. G. JILLSON,
MOSES P. ROBERTS,
WALTER E. PARKER.

Connecticut Valley Commandery.

LIVING.

WENDELL T. DAVIS,
REV. PETER V. FINCH,
WILLIAM S. SEVERANCE,
CHARLES E. SEVERANCE.

Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery.

LIVING.

ROBERT HENRY,
ROBERT C. BROWN,
STEPHEN W. BUTLER,
JOHN B. WHITTAKER.

Joseph Warren Commandery.

LIVING.

JAMES C. TUCKER,

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† Dimitted and has membership elsewhere.

SAMUEL LITTLE,
GEORGE MOULTON.

Narragansett Commandery.

LIVING.

GEORGE G. STILLMAN,
AZRO N. LEWIS.

William Parkman Commandery.

LIVING.

SETH C. AMES,
ALBERT B. BARRETT,
WILLIAM J. ELLIS.

Bristol Commandery.

LIVING.

CHARLES E. SMITH,
SAMUEL S. GINNODO,
JOHN L. KENDALL.

Northampton Commandery.

LIVING.

DAVID W. CRAFTS,
JOSIAH H. PRINDLE.

South Shore Commandery.

LIVING.

ZACHARIAH L. BICKNELL.

Natick Commandery.

LIVING.

JAMES H. PARKER.

Cœur de Lion Commandery.

LIVING.

* WILLIAM H. KENT.

Trinity Commandery.

LIVING.

N. S. CHAMBERLAIN.

Gethsemane Commandery.

LIVING.

JAMES M. GREENWOOD.

Olivet Commandery.

DECEASED.

GEORGE W. KEENE.

Athol Commandery.

LIVING.

VERNON O. TAYLOR.

Bay State Commandery.

LIVING.

EDWARD PARKER.

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* Represented in Past or Present Grand Officers.

† Dimitted and has membership elsewhere.

Deceased, 51.

Constitution of the Grand Commandery

OF

KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS

OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

REVISED.

ARTICLE I.—GRAND COMMANDERY.

STYLE AND TITLE.

SECTION 1.—The style and title of this body is "The Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island."

JURISDICTION.

SEC. 2.—Its jurisdiction extends over the territorial limits of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

POWERS.

SECT. 3.—In it alone is vested the right and duty, which it cannot delegate, to superintend and govern all Commanderies of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders within this jurisdiction.

It has exclusive power to grant Dispensations and Warrants for forming and opening commanderies of the above Orders, and to extend or revoke the same.

It enacts statutes and issues edicts, and amends and repeals the same.

It censures, suspends, and erases councils and commanderies, and holds any of their members amenable for any violation or neglect of its statutes and edicts.

It has supreme authority, throughout this jurisdiction, in all matters pertaining to Templar Masonry, subject only to the ancient landmarks of the Order, and the Grand Encampment of the United States.

MEMBERS.

SECT. 4.—It shall consist of a Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain-General, Grand Prelate, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, Grand Sword-Bearer, Grand Standard-Bearer, Grand Warder, Grand Captain of the Guards, Grand Sentinel,—*ex-officiis;* of all Past Grand Commanders and Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Commanders and Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Generalissimos, and Past Grand Captains-General of this body; of the Commanders, Generalissimos, and Captains-General, for the time being, of all subordinate commanderies under this jurisdiction; and of all Past Commanders of such subordinates, so long as they are members of commanderies under this jurisdiction, in good standing.

The above-named Present and Past Officers (the Grand Sentinel excepted), and Representatives and Past Commanders of subordinate commanderies, are the only voters in this Grand Commandery.

A permanent member has but one vote in his own right as such, and but two in any case.

ATTENDANCE AND PROXIES.

SECT. 5.—Each of the officers named in the preceding section, save and except Past Commanders and the Grand Sentinel, being unable to attend the assemblies in person, shall have the power to appoint a proxy, who shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of his constituent, except that of taking his rank in Grand Commandery.

Such proxy must, at the time of his service, be a member of *the same subordinate commandery as his principal*, and a templar of not less than three years' standing, and must present a properly authenticated certificate of his appointment.

The R. E. Grand Commander, immediately after his installation, shall appoint a committee of three members as a standing committee on credentials, for the year ensuing, whose duty it shall be to ascertain and report to the commandery as early as may be at every assembly, who are entitled to seats therein. Also a committee of three members, who shall be styled a Committee on Printing, whose duty it shall be to supervise the printing of the proceedings, and shall have authority to decide what shall be printed therein, and the Grand Recorder shall act under the advice and direction of said committee in all matters of printing. Also a committee of three members to be styled a Committee on By-Laws, who shall take into consideration and report upon all By-Laws of subordinate bodies which may be referred to them by the Grand Commandery or Grand Commander.

OFFICERS, ELECTION, AND TITLES.

SECT. 6.—The first nine officers shall be chosen by written ballot; the others, by appointment of the Grand Commander.

No knight is eligible to any office in this Grand Commandery, unless he be a member of some subordinate commandery, and a templar of not less than three years' standing.

The officers thus chosen shall serve until their successors have been installed. The title of the Grand Commander is "RIGHT EMINENT;" that of Deputy Grand Commander, "VERY EMINENT;" of the other Grand Officers, "EMINENT."

ASSEMBLIES.

SECT. 7.—This Grand Commandery shall assemble in October and May of each year, at such time and place as the presiding officer shall appoint, — in October, for the election of officers and the transaction of the annual business; and in May, for the exemplification of the work and ritual, the transaction of such special business as shall be presented, and the consideration of such matters as pertain to the general good of the order.

Special Assemblies may be held at the pleasure of the presiding officer; but no business shall be transacted at a special meeting save that which was specified in the original notice.

PREROGATIVES AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECT. 8.—The Grand Commander shall have a watchful supervision over all the subordinate commanderies, and see that all the constitutional enactments, rules, and edicts, of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and of this Grand Commandery, are duly and promptly obeyed.

The Grand Commander and Deputy Grand Commander, at their pleasure, visit and preside in any subordinate commandery, and give such instruction and direction in the work and ritual as the good of the Order may require, al-

ways conforming to the ancient landmarks and this Grand Constitution. The Deputy Grand Commander, in the event of the death, removal or physical incompetency of his superior, shall act as the Grand Commander.

It is the duty of the Grand Commander, in person or by one of his council, to visit and examine every subordinate commandery under Dispensation once in three months, and every chartered commandery annually, and cause a report of the same to be made at the annual assembly of this Grand Commandery: *provided, however*, that when in the judgment of the Grand Commander the interest of the institution will be promoted thereby, he may designate one of the Grand Lecturers to make such visit and report to him.

It is the duty of the Grand Treasurer to report to the Grand Commander or presiding officer, whenever and as often as there shall be a surplus of one hundred dollars in the treasury, not subject to any appropriation already made; and to invest the same by and with the advice of the first two officers.

It is the duty of the Grand Recorder, annually to communicate to the Grand Recorders of all State Grand Commanderies, and to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, a list of all the Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery, and all such other matters as the Right Eminent Grand Commander shall deem to be for the general good of the Order, or useful for their information.

The other duties of the above officers, and the duties of the other officers, are such as are traditionally appropriate to their offices, and such as may be required of them by this Grand Commandery and the Grand Commander.

NEW COMMANDERIES.

SECT. 9.—Dispensations for forming and opening new commanderies, upon the petition of not less than nine Knight Templars residing within the jurisdiction, may be issued by the Grand Commander during the recess of the Grand Commandery only. Dispensations so issued to be of force only until the succeeding stated assembly of this body, unless continued by vote thereof; *provided, however,* that no dispensation shall be issued without the consent of the commandery nearest to the place where the new one is to be located; and, if in that town or city there is more than one, the consent of all shall be obtained.

Charters shall be granted by vote of the Grand Commandery alone, and at a stated assembly.

A Commandery formed within this jurisdiction, without a dispensation or charter, as above provided, shall be deemed illegal; and all communication between Commanderies under this jurisdiction, and the members of such illegal ones, is hereby strictly forbidden.

FEES FOR DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

SECT. 10.—The fees for a Dispensation are forty dollars to the Grand Commandery, and three dollars to the Grand Recorder; and, for a Charter, sixty dollars to the Grand Commandery, and seven dollars to the Grand Recorder; and, for a charter without a previous Dispensation, one hundred dollars to the Grand Commandery, and ten dollars to the Grand Recorder. In no case shall a Dispensation or Charter be issued, until the required fees shall have been paid to the Grand Treasurer.

GRAND FUND.

SECT. 11.—One tenth of the unincumbered funds of this

body, at its Annual Assembly in October, 1859, and one tenth of its present and future income, shall be set apart, and shall form a "Grand Fund;" the interest only of which shall be expended, for charitable and other purposes, at the discretion of this Grand Body; *provided, however*, that no portion of the interest shall be expended for any purpose whatever, until the principal shall amount to five thousand dollars. The unexpended income of the fund, and all donations to the same, shall be annually added to the principal. Until this fund shall amount to five thousand dollars, it shall not be in knightly faith to diminish the rate of increase as provided above.

The Grand Commander, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Recorder, shall be a Committee, to be styled "The Grand Fund Committee," whose duty it shall be to attend to the safe and profitable investment of this fund. They shall also make a detailed report, in writing, of its condition at each and every Annual Assembly in October. A failure so to do shall render them ineligible to re-election for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE II.—SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES.

MEMBERS.

SECTION 1.—Every subordinate commandery shall consist of a Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Prelate, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Recorder, Sword-Bearer, Standard-Bearer, and Warder, and such other officers and members as may be found convenient.

BY-LAWS.

SECT. 2.—No by-law of any subordinate body shall be valid until the same shall be approved by the Grand Commandery.

ASSEMBLIES.

SECT. 3.—Every subordinate commandery shall assemble at least quarterly for improvement and business.

JURISDICTION.

SECT. 4.—Every subordinate commandery shall have exclusive jurisdiction in receiving applications for, and conferring the Orders of Knighthood over, all territory lying nearer the usual traveled routes to its place of meeting than to that of any other commandery; *provided*, that any commandery may waive this jurisdiction in favor of any person desirous to apply to any other commandery.

OFFICERS: ELECTION AND DUTIES.

SECT. 5.—The first eight officers shall be elected by written ballot; the others may be appointed by the Commander at the pleasure of the Commandery. The officers thus chosen shall serve until their successors shall have been installed. The title of the Commander is "EMINENT." The Commander of a subordinate commandery has it in special charge to see that the by-laws of his commandery and this Grand Constitution are duly observed; that accurate records are kept, and just accounts rendered; that regular returns to this Grand Commandery are made annually; and that the annual dues are promptly paid. He calls special assemblies of his Commandery at pleasure; and it is his duty, with his Generalissimo and Captain-General, to attend all Assemblies of this Grand Commandery.

The duties of the other officers are such as are traditionally appropriate, and such as may be assigned them by the Commandery or the Commander.

OBLIGATION.

SECT. 6.—The officers of every subordinate commandery before installation, and every candidate upon admission,

shall take the following obligation, viz.: "I —— ——, do promise and vow that I will support and maintain the Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America."

ANNUAL RETURNS.

SECT. 7.—Every subordinate commandery shall make a return to the Grand Recorder of this Grand Commandery, on or before the tenth day of October, annually, of the roll of its officers and members, of all candidates for the Orders, accepted or rejected; and shall pay to this Grand Commandery four dollars for every Knight created, and an annual fee of five dollars.

ORDERS, FEES, AND RULE OF SUCCESSION.

SECT. 8.—No subordinate commandery shall confer the Orders of Knighthood for a less sum than thirty dollars, nor on any person who shall not have regularly received the several degrees of E.A., F.C., M.M., M.M.M., P.M., M. E.M., and R.A.M.; and no candidate for the Orders shall be balloted for, unless he shall have stood proposed at least fourteen days, unless a dispensation therefor shall be obtained from the R. E. Grand Commander. The Orders shall be conferred in the following succession, viz.:—1, KNIGHT OF THE RED CROSS; 2, KNIGHT TEMPLAR; 3, KNIGHT OF MALTA.

SECT. 9.—The petition of any and every candidate for the orders in any Commandery under this jurisdiction shall be made in the following form, and signed by the applicant:—

To the Eminent Commander and members of.....Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of.....

The subscriber, a Companion Royal Arch Mason, is desirous, if found worthy, to be admitted to the Orders of Knighthood in your commandery.

Residence.....Age.. .....

Occupation.....

When and in what Lodge made a Master Mason.....

When and in what Chapter exalted to the Degree of Royal Arch Mason .....

Of what Lodge now a member.....

Of what Chapter now a member.....

I have.....before applied for these Orders of Knighthood.

(SIGNED)

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(DATE.)

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RECOMMENDATION.

I.....a member of..... .....Commandery aforesaid, hereby recommend said Companion..... .....for admission to the Orders of Knighthood.

(SIGNED)

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SEC. 10.—If it shall appear that the applicant has before applied for the orders in any commandery other than the one to which he now applies, it shall not be competent for the commandery to act upon the application unless it be accompanied by the written consent of such commandery duly attested, if within our jurisdiction; and if without our jurisdiction, the consent in writing of the Grand Commander of the State in which such commandery shall be situated.

SOJOURNERS.

SECT. 11.—It is not regular for a subordinate commandery to confer the Orders of Knighthood upon any sojourner from any State or place in which there is a commandery regularly established, except by consent of the commandery having jurisdiction. Any commandery which violates

this regulation shall be subject to knightly discipline, and be required to pay, on demand, to the commandery having jurisdiction, the amount of fees received.

Any commandery may, however, take cognizance of the conduct of sojourning Knights.

QUESTIONS.

SECT. 12.—In every assembly of Knights, all questions, except of the admission of candidates and members, and of matters specially reserved by the by-laws, shall be decided by a majority vote — the presiding officer, if a member, being entitled to one vote, and, in case of a tie, to the casting vote.

COSTUME.

SECT. 13.—The costume of this Grand Commandery and its subordinates is such as is, from time to time, approved by this Grand Body.

OPENING AND CLOSING.

SECT. 14.—All councils and commanderies should be opened and closed in due and ancient form; and commanderies with devotion.

AMENDMENTS.

SECT. 15.—This Grand Constitution may be altered or amended by vote of two-thirds of the members present at any Annual Assembly in October.

ADDRESS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

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PROVIDENCE, R. I.

GRAND RECORDER, - - - ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,

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